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FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY  
*of the* REPUBLIC

HELD AT

MT. CLEMENS, JUNE 19-20-21, 1935

WITH ADDRESS

OF

FRANK D. KEELER, *Department Commander*

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

*A spirit of true comradeship was beautifully exemplified by the  
citizens of Mt. Clemens*

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

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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

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**Headquarters Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic,  
Lansing, 1935.**

**Hon. Frank D. Fitzgerald, Governor of the State of Michigan:**

**Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Fifty-seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic held in Mt. Clemens, June 19, 20 and 21, as required by the statutes.**

**FRANK D. KEELER,  
Department Commander.**

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

**1934-1935**

Department Commander—Frank D. Keeler	Saghnaw, Mich.
Department Sr. Vice Com.—Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, Mich.
Department Jr. Vice Com.—John W. Finch	Greenville, Mich.
Department Chaplain—M. D. Richardson	Lansing, Mich.
Medical Director—George W. Howe	Port Huron, Mich.
Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General—A. C. Estabrook	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Judge Advocate—John Killeen	Jackson, Mich.
Patriotic Instructor—Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, Mich.
Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant	Reed City, Mich.
Senior Aide—George W. Wilcox	St. Louis, Mich.
Sergeant National Colors—J. P. Riley	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Sergeant Department Colors—Martin Kelsey	Greenville, Mich.

**NATIONAL OFFICERS**  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

**1934-1935**

Commander-in-Chief—Alfred E. Stacy	Elbridge, N. Y.
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Harding I. Merrill	Wichita, Kansas
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—George H. Pounder	Ft. Atkinson, Wis.
Surgeon General—Dr. E. H. Cowan	Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. King Gibson	Dayton, Ohio
Adjutant General—Calvin A. Brainard	Jackson, Mich.
Quartermaster General—Samuel P. Town	Philadelphia, Pa.
Judge Advocate General—James W. Willets	Tampa, Iowa
Inspector General—M. H. Davidson	Louisville, Ky.
National Patriotic Instructor—Henry B. Davidson	Springfield, Ill.
Assistant Adjutant General—Ira R. Wildman	Danbury, Conn.
Chief of Staff—James H. Campbell	Chicago, Ill.
Senior Aide-de-Camp—John C. Mullins	Brooklyn, N. Y.



**FRANK D. KEELER**  
Department Commander  
Saginaw, Mich.



HON. FRANK D. FITZGERALD  
Governor of Michigan

# WELCOME

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## **To the Grand Army of the Republic:**

Michigan is honored to have you as its guests. The years have thrown a wide span between the days of your heroic service and present times. Our problems today may seem to be new ones, but they call for the same spirit of loyalty and sacrifice which sent you to the colors more than 70 years ago. Then the Nation was threatened with dismemberment by the issue of slavery. Today we have social and economic complications. If your sons and grandsons give to their country now the same unyielding service that you gave when Lincoln called, we need have no fears for the future.

**FRANK D. FITZGERALD,**  
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, deceased	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. Shakespeare, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex. L. Patrick, deceased	Detroit, 1898-9
Russell R. Pealer, deceased	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethel M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James VanKleek, deceased	Bay City, 1901-2
Edward C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Vanraalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
George 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, deceased	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 Steel, 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
Orestus Blake	Jackson, 1932-33
Charles M. Cook, (died in office)	Kalamazoo, 1933-34
John Killeen	Jackson, 1933-34
Frank D. Keeler	Saginaw, 1934-35



## 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	Clfo, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. 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, deceased	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, deceased	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
William 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, deceased	Petoskey, 1931-32
J. J. Reiser (died in office), deceased	Grand Rapids, 1931-32
C. M. Cook, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1932-33
Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, 1933-34
Ira Stewart	Petoskey, 1934-35

## 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, deceased	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	Lansing, 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, deceased	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, deceased	Detroit, 1915
Alison L. Bryant, deceased	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 G. 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, deceased	Pontiac, 1929-30
A. F. Chappell	Detroit, 1930-31
C. M. Cook, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1931-32
Frank D. Keeler	Saginaw, 1932-33
John W. Finch	Greenville, 1933-34
John W. Finch	Greenville, 1934-35

## ROSTER

### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

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

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, Melvin Shawl.

Members

Charles Waltz.  
Albert VanVleet.

Peter Delemater.  
David Alma.

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

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Eugene Owens.

Members

Frank Wood.

Martin J. Warner.

John Krauskopf.

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

Chartered February 26, 1878.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, George A. Slayton.

Member

M. W. Chase.

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

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, Howard C. Bond.

Members

J. L. Bigelow.  
C. H. Depuy.

William Simpson.  
N. Sicard.

L. Costan

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

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, H. E. Waterman.

Member

James McConnell.

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

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, George W. Francesco.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Charles A. Tanner.

Member

Fred F. Main.

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

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, C. B. Holmes.

Members

C. A. Taylor.  
James Brant.

Geo. Wolff.  
Fred VanCamp.

## FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.

Chartered May 9, 1881.

Membership 15.

Post Commander, A. F. Chappell.

Members

Robert A. Cheyne.  
Wm. H. Golder.  
Jas. W. Gillespie.  
Oscar Kelsey.  
Robert McBeth.  
David Plumadore.  
C. E. Sanborn.

William J. Fraser.  
Isaac L. Greusel.  
Wm. H. Jackson.  
Peter P. Miller.  
Emory Morris.  
Seth Z. Rice.  
W. J. Whitney.

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

Chartered May 20, 1881.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, W. H. Ashley.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

## WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Samuel S. Bunker.

Member

John Hanley.

Cared for by American Legion.

## COL. FENTON POST NO. 24.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, I. H. Lawrence.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

## DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.

Chartered August 20, 1881.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, A. S. Beardsley.

Members

George W. Wilt.

John Locke.

## JOE HOOKER POST NO. 26, HART.

Chartered August 16, 1881.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, G. W. Enslow.

Members

Comrade Wilson.

Ed. Allen

Dan Kelley.

## FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, J. W. Walker.

Members

Winfield Faith.  
John Blakley.  
M. D. Strickland.

Jerome Morse.  
Chas. Stephens.  
Joseph Kleindenst.

## ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, J. F. Jones.

Members

Arthur E. VanPelt.  
A. L. Nealley.  
John Eitel.

Nelson R. Wood.  
Henry C. Dow.  
William W. Buys.

William H. Parker.

**SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.**

Chartered December 14, 1881. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, Frank D. Keeler.

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

Chartered February 2, 1882. Membership 10.  
 Post Commander, James A. Hamilton.

Members

Judson Jones.	H. H. Larned.
J. E. Walker.	M. D. Richardson.
Geo. E. Osborn.	James Kennedy.
Geo. H. Saxton.	John Riley.

Joseph Covert.

**WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**

Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 11.  
 Post Commander, Cornelius Van Etten.

Members

Thaddeus Austin.	John C. Anderson.
Baker J. Cole.	Henry Chulip.
Reuben Merriman.	Charles E. Riker.
James White.	Grovenor Vanderpool.
Charles VanNess.	J. H. Pangborn.

**EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**

Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 15.  
 Post Commander, Orestus Blake.

Members

Emery O. Alverson.	Lewis H. Brower.
Anson Croman.	Gilbert Ellenwood.
W. F. Graham.	John Killeen.
A. H. Lightcap.	Wellington Moulton.
Thomas H. Nichols.	Jacob H. Prine.
A. N. Sova.	James S. Spencer.
W. L. Prine.	W. W. Wright.

**PHIL McKERNAN POST NO. 53, MASON.**

Chartered April 8, 1882. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, Theodore Bortle.

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

Chartered April 25, 1882. Membership 5.  
 Post Commander, William Burnett.

Members

A. C. Estabrook.	Edward Rogers.
Amasa Jones.	Willard Moore.

**SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**

Chartered July 27, 1882. Membership 2.  
 Post Commander, E. M. Holt.

Member

J. B. Dorrance.

**JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.**

Chartered September 12, 1882. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, G. E. Weston.

## FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

## ORCUTT POST NO. 79. KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 6.

Post Commander, J. P. Riley.

## Members

Peter Stevens.  
S. H. Carlton.William Allen.  
Chas. Filmore.

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

Chartered October 6, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, John W. Finch.

## Member

Martin Kelsey.

## CORBIN POST NO. 88. UNION CITY.

Chartered October 17, 1882.

Membership 1.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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

Chartered October 25, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, George Wilcox.

## Member

L. B. Longwell.

## WALLACE POST NO. 95. FLAT ROCK.

Chartered December 9, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Albert W. Wager.

## Member

Charles Bryant.

## WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 96. PORT HURON.

Chartered December 30, 1882.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, George W. Howe.

## Members

R. S. Mann.  
A. Horn.  
Orin Sitts.  
Theo. Shars.Henry Hoffman.  
M. D. Fonda.  
Robert Muttart.  
Byron Montrey.

Chas. Montrey.

## TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107. DIMONDALE.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, Norman P. Bateman.

## BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109. COLDWATER.

Chartered March 17, 1883.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, L. H. Daniells.

## Members

S. M. Teachout.  
Henry Stall.  
Stuben Filkins.  
Jefferson Burns.Jacob Nodell.  
Lewis Pierce.  
George Fetterly.  
L. L. Bosserman.

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**J. B. BRAINARD POST NO. 111, EATON RAPIDS.**  
Chartered March 14, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, John Henderson.  
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

**JOHN GILLULY POST NO. 114, FOWLerville.**  
Chartered March 22, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, Alfred H. Smith.

**WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**  
Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, George H. Barns.

**FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**  
Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, Thomas O. Webber.

**WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**  
Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 4.  
Post Commander, Earl A. Hoag.  
Members  
LeRoy Park. Randall T. Valkenburg.  
George H. Wade.

**BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**  
Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 2.  
Post Commander, Alva Spayde.  
Member  
John Dunn.  
Cared for by U. S. W. V.

**WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**  
Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 3.  
Post Commander, Orlando Lavally.  
Members  
L. C. Grady. D. S. Arnold.

**TURRELL POST NO. 144, LAPEER.**  
Chartered May 8, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander, David R. Lang.  
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

**GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.**  
Chartered June 7, 1883. Membership 7.  
Post Commander, Wray Mitchell.  
Members  
George Raab. Theodore Burden.  
Corden Foot. Amanda Rubey.  
Tames Warren. Gilbert Warren.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT****DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.**

Chartered June 11, 1883.

Post Commander, Charles Nesbitt.

Member

S. D. Bentley.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 2.

**CHARLES E. GIBSSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.**

Chartered July 5, 1883.

Post Commander, George Stimson.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 1.

**HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, COBUNNA.**

Chartered July 12, 1883.

Post Commander, Merritt S. Harding.

Member

Leroy Requa.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 2.

**LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**

Chartered August 11, 1883.

Post Commander, Ira M. Stewart.

Members

Silas Wright.

A. J. Ramsby.

C. E. Harris.

Flavel J. Smith.

E. A. Dunton.

R. B. Teachout.

Wm. J. P. Loper.

Membership 8.

**E. B. STILE POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Post Commander, Frank Richard.

Cared for by D. of U. V. C. W.

Membership 1.

**CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.**

Chartered August 30, 1883.

Post Commander, A. D. Austin.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 1.

**HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**

Chartered September 3, 1883.

Post Commander, John F. Beaumont.

Members

James Taylor.

George Sturtevant.

Membership 3.

**FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**

Chartered September 27, 1883.

Post Commander, .....

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 1.



**GEORGE C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**  
 Chartered October 5, 1883. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, Nathan Green.  
 Cared for by S. of U. V. C. W.

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**L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.**  
 Chartered October 28, 1883. Membership 2.  
 Post Commander—Thomas Nesbitt.  
 Member  
 Harvey Harper.

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**L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**  
 Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 3.  
 Post Commander, William Guipe.  
 Members  
 Isaac Hodgkins. . . . . Spencer.

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**E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**  
 Chartered January 4, 1883. Membership 5.  
 Post Commander, John S. Kirkendall.  
 Members  
 Jacob Perrine. Lewis Wiselagal.  
 Alva Centerman. James Harrington.  
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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**WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**  
 Chartered December 23, 1883. Membership 2.  
 Post Commander, C. C. Eyester.  
 Member  
 Lemuel Tingley.

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**H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**  
 Chartered January 7, 1884. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, Gilbert LaCroix.

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**ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**  
 Chartered January 15, 1885. Membership 3.  
 Post Commander, David Cantine.  
 Members  
 S. G. Webster. Comrade Rüssele.  
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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**ALBERT JACKSON POST NO. 300, MARQUETTE.**  
 Chartered March 7, 1885. Membership 1.  
 Post Commander, Patrick Ryan.  
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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**COMSTOCK POST NO. 352, MANCHESTER.**  
 Chartered May 18, 1886. Membership 2.  
 Post Commander, John Miller.  
 Member  
 R. M. Teeter.

## FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

**DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, J. L. Hinman.

Members

William T. Gage.

J. S. Conant.

A. E. Stewart.

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

Chartered May 21, 1887.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, S. F. Frye.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

**AMASA B. WATSON POST NO. 396, GRAND RAPIDS.**

Chartered November 15, 1888.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, Ebenezer Childs.

Members

George H. Kirtland.

Amos L. Cole.

Charles Green.

**CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 406, PERRINTON.**

Chartered May 13, 1903.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, J. L. Richard.

Member

John Beckwith.

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

Chartered November 18, 1893.

Membership 8.

Post Commander, John Haines.

Members

Thomas Courtney.

Milton Slater.

Joseph Craver.

James McBride.

William Peabody.

James J. Atkinson.

Daniel Roneker.

**STEEL BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Membership 11.

Post Commander, Charles M. Rathburn.

Members

Robert Lyon.

W. O. Hendryx.

Isaac Morse.

H. B. Appleton.

Holden L. Albro.

Thomas Wright.

Obadiah Smith.

Robert Lee.

J. C. Johnson.

**WASHINGTON POST NO. 444, CADILLAC.**

Chartered April 14, 1898.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, William Stewart.

Members

William Miller.

John Lamphere.

John Newberry.

**GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, BEERD CITY.**

Chartered April 28, 1900.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, Isaac Grant.

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**JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.**

**Chartered November 1, 1900.**

**Post Commander, A. R. Ellis.  
Member  
William C. Bouck.**

**Membership 2.**

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

**Chartered February 9, 1903.**

**Post Commander, Joshua J. Brown.**

**Membership 1.**

PROCEEDINGS FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1935  
MEDIA CARD ROOM, MEDIA HOTEL  
MT. CLEMENS, MICH.

The fifty-seventh annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order at 1:30 p. m. by the Department Commander, Frank D. Keeler.

Comrade Keeler extended greetings and a cordial welcome to his Comrades, after which the following officers were appointed to serve during the session:

Officer of the Day—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.

Officer of the Guard—John Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson.

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

Department Commander: Officer of the Day, are all present members of the Grand Army of the Republic?

Officer of the Day: Commander, they are all members but two and they are vouched for.

Department Commander: The Chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing. Parade rest.

Chaplain: Almighty Father, humbly we bow before Thee, our Creator, Preserver, Guide and Protector. We thank Thee for our lives; for Thy mercy which has kept us until this hour; for Thy guidance on land and sea, by day and by night; for Thy constant care in our hours of danger; and for the preservation of our national integrity and unity. Be graciously near to our Comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and to the widows and orphans of those who fell in our holy cause; in all distresses comfort them and give us willing hearts and ready hands to supply their needs. Bless our country; grant that the memory of our noble dead, who freely gave their lives for the land they loved, may dwell ever in our hearts. Bless our Order; make it an instrument of great good, keep our names on the roll of Thy servants, and at last receive us into that Grand Army above, where Thou, O God art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

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

The following answered roll call:

Department Commander Frank D. Keeler.

Department Senior Vice Commander, Ira M. Stewart.

Department Junior Vice Commander John W. Finch.

Medical Director, George W. Howe.

Judge Advocate, John Killeen.  
Patriotic Instructor Eugene Owen.  
Chief of Staff Isaac Grant.  
Senior Aide George W. Wilcox.  
Sergeant National Colors J. P. Riley.

A motion was made and carried that the roll call of Posts be dispensed with.

Commander Keeler: The next thing will be the Commander's report.

Comrade Grant: I move that the report be referred to a committee. Supported and the motion was carried.

### COMMANDER'S REPORT

Comrades: Again we are assembled for the 57th time in our history as veterans of the Civil War. It is an event that more than ever calls for our deepest gratitude for so many of us, now in the nineties, to be able to journey to this fine old city for our accustomed greetings and hearty handshakes is indeed wonderful. To have maintained a social organization intact and vigorous with no internal dissensions for so many years is little short of marvelous.

To have gained and held an honorable and loving place close to the people's heart and to have received their assurance of appreciation for what we did in our boyhood days is a reward well worth striving for. Especially among the veteran's kindred have we been honored and revered. In no other land have the war worn survivors of their country's defenders been more honored for their sacrifices.

The flood of greetings that come to us from the Auxiliary associated with us in our annual assemblies are a welcome and enticing feature of our program. It is the aim of the department to use every means to induce Comrades to hang on to their post as long as even one member survives. So let us put away all thoughts of giving up post life even at its ebb. Let Auxiliaries attend to its extinguishment after passing of the last veteran and final disposition for us.

### FINANCES

We have no cause to worry over our financial situation, though it has been necessary to exercise caution to keep expenses within our small resources. This we have been able to do though the bank tie-up still holds a considerable part of our working fund.

The report of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General will show in detail the present membership and the receipts and expenditures during the year.

### OFFICIAL VISITING

The Commander is expected to visit as many of our kindred orders as time and his ability to travel about the state will permit. This duty has been a problem to me on account of waning physical strength, but I have gone as far in this direction as safety would warrant. I attended the National Encampment at Rochester, and marched in the parade

with no resulting harm much to my own surprise. The National was declared to be one of our very best and those fortunate enough to attend will remember it with genuine pleasure. Michigan came home loaded with the choicest honors to be hoped for. The National President of the W. R. C. and the encampment for 1935 at Grand Rapids.

I have visited some of our kindred orders. The banquet given our National W. R. C. President, Mrs. Lizetta Coady at Detroit in the winter time; Mt. Clemens for a committee meeting of heads of organizations; Ypsilanti to a special meeting of Daughters of Civil War Veterans; Grand Rapids and Lansing three times; Twining, Mich., to attend a meeting of Daughters of Civil War Veterans; to Mt. Pleasant for a district meeting of W. R. C.; Flint to a special meeting of governors, Crapo Post Number 145, held with W. R. C. Auxiliary to that post. Three Comrades were present.

These occasional meetings were always very interesting, and leading to the formation of new acquaintances and a better understanding of the needs and working of the Association at large. In closing these my last general orders, I face the fact that in a short time my relations to this Department as your Commander will cease, but the official part only. The relation of comradeship is too closely cemented to be severed when comes the final call, "Lights Out."

#### MEMORIAL DAY

With the 30th of May comes the veteran's most sacred day of the year. Its reverent observance now falls upon the shoulders of veterans of later wars and that comradeship that extends so freely into the ranks of those younger vets is an earnest feeling of long continued remembrance of valor and loyalty of the American soldier.

The Civil War Veterans must of necessity pass it on to younger hands. This has already been done generally throughout the state especially in districts where posts have been reduced to one or two of the old timers.

#### IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound gratitude I have no death among our official family to announce.

Comrades: In closing my report I wish again to thank you for the honor conferred upon me in choosing me for your leader for the year 1934-35. I have done all I could to maintain the high standing of the Michigan Department of Grand Army of the Republic. Impaired physical condition prevented my visiting posts as much as I would have liked and sponsoring activities such as were the order in our earlier years and stimulate interest. I have endeavored to urge upon the Comrades a determination to hold on to their post life just as long as one Comrade survives. The Auxiliaries—the W. R. C., the Ladies of the G. A. R., the two organizations of Daughters, and the Sons of Veterans have all stood loyally and faithfully for this object, always ready to respond promptly to the needs of posts for assistance and we certainly ought to appreciate this spirit every day of our lives.

The Auxiliaries have been fortunate in the selection of leaders such as their untiring efforts to promote the welfare of civil war veterans. These able and unselfish ladies have earned our heartiest gratitude.

The Michigan Department owes its high standing and efficient administration to the wise guidance of our Adjutant and Quartermaster General, Comrade A. C. Estabrook. He knows its needs and what is best for it better than anyone else and never forgets them.

The office routine has been efficiently handled by the faithful labors of Mrs. Ida Davidson.

I wish here to make one recommendation. Namely, that the selection of date and place for holding Encampments hereafter be referred to the Council of Administration. The members' age and physical condition call for special consideration in this regard.

To my Comrades generally and the loyal Auxiliary bodies through the state, I extend grateful acknowledgments for their ever ready cooperation.

Department Commander: We will now listent to the report of our Senior Vice Commander.

Comrade Stewart: As Senior Vice Commander I would like to say a few words. This was all new to me and I was unable to take care of my duties. My post commander died and it put a lot of business onto me that I couldn't take care of the Senior Vice Commander as I ought to. I am very sorry that this thing happened the way it has because I was in such shape that I couldn't get around to make my report.

Department Commander: We will now listen to the report of our Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Finch: I have no report as Junior Vice Commander. I haven't done anything which is in my line of duty. I was away a good deal of the winter and I haven't been required to do anything which did not seem to be necessary. Every thing was taken care of as far as I know of. I have to make an announcement of losing a friend of mine and a friend of the G. A. R., Martin Kelsey of Lakeview, who died in April. Thank you.

Commander Keeler: I think it is sufficient. I haven't had any occasion to call upon either one of the Vice Commanders for any service. Nothing happened. The committee to whom this report is referred will be Comrades Carleton, Howe, and Burden. The Commander's report is also included. They will make a report and recommendations. We will now have the Adjutant General's report.

Comrade Estabrook read his report, which was referred to the same committee.'



A. C. ESTABROOK  
Asst. Adj. Quartermaster General

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER  
GENERAL

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 19th, 20th, 21st, 1935.

To Frank D. Keeler, Department Commander.

In accordance with Rules and Regulations, I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending June 1st, 1935.

Number of Posts in good standing June 1st, 1934..... 78

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By surrender of Charter.....	5	
By death (4 Posts, 1 member)		
By death (1 Post, 3 members).....	5	10
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Leaving number of posts in good standing June 1st, 1935.....		68

MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing June 1st, 1934.....		314
Gained by Transfer.....	5	
Gained by Re-instatement.....	2	7
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Total.....		321



## LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By death .....	58	
By surrender of Charter .....	19	77
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Leaving members in good standing June 1st, 1935 .....		244

## RECEIPTS

Amount on hand June 1st, 1934 .....	\$2,824.07	
Interest from Savings & Loan Co. ....	\$66.00	
Per Capita Tax on 244 members .....	24.40	
Supplies (two buttons) .....	.30	\$90.70
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Total .....	\$2,914.77	\$2,914.77

## DISBURSEMENTS

Traveling expenses of Comrade Killeen .....	\$17.00	
Traveling expenses of Comrade Richardson, (Grand Rapids) .....	3.20	
Traveling expenses of Ida Davidson (Grand Rapids) ..	2.00	
Express on Flags & Staffs .....	2.91	
Bond for Assistant Adjutant & Quartermaster .....	3.29	
Past Department Commander's Badge for Comrade Killeen .....	40.00	
Rent for Post Office Box No. 433 .....	6.00	
Postage .....	26.44	
Per Capita Tax to National .....	4.82	
Traveling expenses of Commander Keeler .....	29.20	
Traveling expenses of Asst. Adj. Gen. Estabrook .....	26.25	
Past Department Commander's Badge for Commander Keeler .....	40.00	
To Lansing National Bank, Debit & Service Charge ....	1.58	
Total expenditures .....	\$202.69	
Cash balance on hand June 1st, 1935 .....	\$2,712.08	
In Standard & Savings Loan Co. ....	\$2,200.00	
In Capitol National Bank .....	364.04	
In Lansing National Bank .....	146.11	
Cash on hand .....	1.93	
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Total .....	\$2,712.08	

Bills amounting to \$1,094.53 have been paid from appropriation.

I am reluctant to close this report without expressing my sincere thanks to you, Commander Keeler, for giving me the appointment to this Office and for your efficient aid during the term.

My work with you has been pleasant, and I hope, satisfactory to you. I also wish to thank the members of your Staff, and all the Comrades

of the Department for the good will and kindness displayed, during the past year.

Yours in F. C. L.,  
A. C. ESTABROOK,  
Assistant Adjutant & Quartermaster  
General.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, a delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans.

Officer of the Day: Commander, Mr. Perle Fouch, Mr. George Cogshall and Mr. E. R. Henderson, committee of greetings from the Sons.

Commander Keeler: We are very glad to see you and we feel honored and delighted that you should come in and exchange greetings which are very much appreciated and we hope it will be repeated a great many times yet.

Mr. Henderson: Commander and Comrades. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I say Comrades. We represent the Sons of you boys and I say boys advisedly. You were boys when you started out to defend the Constitution and the Flag. You performed your duty and nowhere in the annals of history is it recorded where more stupendous battles were fought. The greatest domestic war on the face of the globe. You boys performed your duties so well that you returned that flag to your countrymen without a stripe erased nor a star obscured, a united country today.

Today even some of your competitors, the Confederacy, will acknowledge that you performed a good service. We are proud to be your sons. The heritage that comes to us is something that can't be bought for money. It can't be attained by influence. It is a heritage of blood. We are proud of the fact that still some of you remain with us and are here so that we can greet you. We come in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mr. Commander, allow me to present you with these flowers. The flowers may fade, they may wither and die, but our memory of the acts which you performed will be eternal. I thank you.

Commander Keeler: These beautiful flowers will be received by us with favor. Those flowers are a guarantee of one of the sweetest testimonials of human affection and memory. These flowers are beautiful and we accept them and thank you very much.

Mr. Fouch: I come to you today as an American citizen and a Son of one of your comrades. I come with a feeling and a knowledge of what you did for your country, of your sacrifices, of your sorrows, of your endurance and your pain and your suffering upon the fields of battle. I sometimes think, does the public today really know the things you boys did as young men in the Southland? I wonder if through their blood ever courses a feeling for the folks back home when you were in the South, when Jackson and his crowd crowded North, when the Confederate soldiers had reached the status Gettysburg? If they do read the pages of history does it cause their blood to course with any more speed?

Today as I was coming here it came to my mind what had been the feeling of the people back home, especially of the mothers who had been left here with the children. It occurred to me that I remembered in my mind's eye the decks and fields of blood that you and your comrades saw. I saw you fording streams and currents in the coolness and freezing of the winter and the hot burning sun of the summer. And then I thought that we, the Sons of Veterans, as we were coming to you this afternoon that we had a duty not only to you as individuals, citizens of this great government, but in keeping green the memory of your sacrifices and sorrows and devastations in that great war.

And then again I thought of those I had known, scores of you comrades in my early life and I wondered what had been the deprivations and sorrows. I remember that at the end of the war, under the shadow of 500,000 graves and under the portal that darkened a half million homes, the sorrows that were on this land. The cost includes what you sacrificed in life. If you were 20 years old at the end of that war you are 90 years old today, so you must have gone as boys. And what did you sacrifice in your positions that has gone through 90 years of life and what has that war denied you?

Today you have the love of a grateful people in this United States. They can't forget that in all the efforts of you men to bring about a place that was safe and just and honest for men to live. You men were the means of causing and making possible to amend the constitution of the United States. In the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments, I say to you today, that I defy any honest upright challenge that the Bill of Rights that gives to mankind the greatest degree of freedom human man ever had on the face of God's earth. That tribute will remain and that tribute will be with you not only during your life but for all time.

I feel it is a privilege to come and say these few words to you and hope that I have explained to you the way that the people of your United States should look toward you and revere your memory. I have expressed the words and the feelings of every Son of Union Veterans to you. Each son will continue and carry on. The Sons at this Encampment have already adopted the things that will gladden the cockles of you boys hearts. We have adopted and committees will be appointed, whereby in every County of the State of Michigan we will bring about the reinstatement of the County reunions with your Sons participating as the members of those reunions. The Committees duties will be to revive the rich mental reunions of every Michigan regiment and your Sons will carry on where you left off. I thank you.

Badges were presented and the Committee retired.

Officer of the Guard: Commander: Hon. Donald R. Westendorf, Mayor of Mt. Clemens is in waiting.

Department Commander: The Officer will present the Mayor. He was enthusiastically received and was introduced by Comrade Lacroix.

Mayor Westendorf: Thank you, Captain LaCroix. Salutations to you Commander Keeler and the members of the G. A. R. Officially I

greet you and welcome you all to Mount Clemens and I sincerely hope that you will partake of our hospitality to the fullest extent. We mean to do everything we can to make your stay pleasant, profitable and healthful because after all that has been our mission in life to cater to those who have come within the confines of our city seeking health and as I gaze upon the countenances of the members of the G. A. R. present, I can see where the Mount Clemens Mineral baths are not needed in these particular cases. I can see health predominating in the faces and countenances of every one of you. You may have a corn or two physically, however, I think you are all in good shape from what I can see externally.

The history of Mount Clemens is quite a lengthy history and you will pardon me if I dwell a moment upon the merits of the water and the history back of it. Mount Clemens mineral waters were discovered in 1873 when they had an old salt block. A well was dug and salt brine was pumped and placed in a large wooden structure and a horse and cart which was underneath would draw the load away to storage tanks. The horse was old and had spavins and rheumatism. His stay under this water vat and the drippings of the vat on his body was practically constant and it was not very long before that horse became spry, young and youthful. In other words, that water has cured the horse.

Of course, the owner made capital of that and consulted with physicians of that day and they evolved and made a wooden tub. The first bath to a human being was given by Mr. White in 1878. Since that time Mount Clemens, roughly speaking, has given 3,000,000 baths. Every year we give from twelve to thirty thousand baths.

Our mineral water is the highest contented mineralized solution on the face of the earth. There are 125 pounds of compound chemicals. If you were to buy those chemicals and try to create an artificial bath it would cost \$60 but you go into the bath house and pay \$1 and get the benefits of those things. We have cured thousands of people. Our wells are about 1200 feet on the average. There are 11 wells in Mount Clemens and the analysis of the mineral water is the same in all, which leads scientists to believe that we have a subterranean lake and the water is unlimited.

Mount Clemens honors and feels very happy that you should select our City as your meeting place. I understand that you have the responsibility for selecting the next meeting place and from the fact that Captain LaCroix succeeded in persuading you to come to Mount Clemens, I am sure that your next meeting will be a fine one also.

We want to heartily thank you and in your stay here we are certainly going to do everything we can to make your stay mighty pleasant. I know the day started off very good this morning. My boy, a Boy Scout was assigned to this hotel as one of 10 boys to take care of the G. A. R. veterans. I understand that they were lined up and the first man to pick his aide was your good Commander Keeler and the one he picked was my son. I am doubly honored that my son is an aide to your Commander Keeler.

If you don't get enough to eat and a quaff of refreshing liquid in town, my office is the 6th floor of the Court House and if you file any complaints with me I shall see that you are taken care of. Don't hesitate to call upon us and we will make things right. The City welcomes you heartily. I thank you.

Commander Keeler: On behalf of the G. A. R. I want to thank you for the hearty welcome you gave us. We hope when we go away there will be no occasion whatever to find fault with us or criticize us that we didn't behave ourselves. I take hearty pleasure in pinning this badge upon you and to thank you again for coming in.

Mayor Westendorf: This is indeed an honor. I didn't expect to receive this and I will wear it. Thank you. The Mayor was escorted out.

Commander Keeler: We will now have the report of the Medical Director.

Comrade Howe made verbal report.

Officer of the Day: A delegation from the Daughters of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Anna B. Johnson presented their National Commander of Chicago, Mrs. Florence Barth and a past Commander Mrs. Kellogg.

Mrs. Johnson: We are pleased to present you greetings from the Daughters and we are very happy to present you with these few flowers.

Commander Keeler: These are beautiful and they convey to us your love and loyalty and reverence for the cause for which we fought.

Mrs. Barth: Commander, I want to say that I am very happy indeed to present these greetings from the Daughters to the boys in blue and we present them from the bottom of our hearts and we hope you accept them in that manner.

Greetings were made individually, badges were presented and the ladies retired.

Commander Keeler: I believe the next thing is to finish this report. The Chaplain's report.

Chaplain Richardson's report was read by Comrade Estabrook because of the inability of Comrade Richardson to be present.



M. D. RICHARDSON  
Department Chaplain

### REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Department Commander and Comrades:

My report must be brief and in a way, incomplete, owing to our age and inability to perform the duties of Memorial Day.

Reports have been received from the following Posts:

- Custer Post No. 5.
- William Bell Post No. 10.
- David Becker Post No. 25.
- Farragut Post No. 32.
- Zach Chandler Post No. 35.
- Charles T. Foster Post No. 42.
- Woodbury Post No. 45.
- C. J. Bassett Post No. 56.
- Orcutt Post No. 79.
- Wallace Post No. 95.
- Butterworth Post No. 109.
- Fitzgerald Post No. 125.
- Turrell Post No. 144.
- Gov. Crapo Post No. 145.
- Charles E. Grissen No. 156.
- H. F. Wallace Post No. 160.
- E. R. Stiles Post No. 174.
- H. D. Ferry Post No. 216.
- Andrews Post No. 294.
- Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395.

The above report shows that

- 26 Comrades attended Memorial Services.
- 56 Comrades attended Memorial Exercises.
- 5,823 graves were decorated.
- 2,280 children took part in the exercises.

To the Sons of Veterans, U. S. W. V., V. F. W. and all allied organizations we are again indebted for their untiring efforts to remember "the Comrades who have answered the last roll call."

"Oh God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come;  
Be thou our guide while life shall last,  
And our perpetual home."

Loyally yours, in F. C. L.,  
M. D. RICHARDSON.

Commander Keeler: It is now in order to appoint committees to visit our kindred orders:

- Woman's Relief Corps—Comrade Carleton.
- Daughters of U. V.—Comrade Rogers.
- Ladies of the G. A. R.—Comrade Riley.
- Daughters of G. A. R.—Comrade Killeen.
- Sons of Union Veterans—Comrade Burden.
- Auxiliary to the Sons—Comrade Chappelle.
- V. F. W.—Comrade Finch.
- Auxiliary to Veterans—Comrade Wilcox.

As the opportunity presents itself you can get out and take an assistant and present our greetings.

Comrade Riley: I was not able to visit the Home on account of not feeling good but I sent for the report and I have asked the Secretary to read this report.

The report from the Michigan Soldiers' Home was read by Comrade Estabrook.

Mr. John P. Riley,  
131 North Park Street,  
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Riley:

In accordance with your request the following report is furnished:

May 31, 1935

Civil War Veterans .....	6
Spanish-American War Veterans including Philippine Insurrection .....	41
World War Veterans .....	159
Indian War Veterans .....	2
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>208</b>

MEN	
Main building (duty) .....	129
Hospital .....	54
Absent with leave .....	25
Absent without leave .....	0
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Total .....	208
WOMEN	
Annex building (duty) .....	55
Hospital .....	61
Absent with leave .....	38
Absent without leave .....	0
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Total .....	154
Total men and women .....	362

Respectfully yours,  
**MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME.**  
 Major Don C. Ingraham, Adjutant.

Comrade LaCroix moved that the report be accepted without objection. Supported and carried.

Commander Keeler: We will now have the report from the Patriotic Instructor, Comrade Owen. The report was read by Comrade Owen.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, June 11, 1935.

To Commander and Members of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic:

Comrades: I wish to report on patriotic activities of the department for the year 1934 and 1935. I have received 16 reports, one that contained no information at all. Four Posts installed Patriotic Instructors. The others have been assisted by the Woman's Relief Corps members. Several cities have a federated association of all patriotic societies, and the Comrades were their honored guests for Memorial Day. They also do the work we in past years were able to do. Memorial Sunday is also observed by them. The patriotic work is now carried on by our Auxiliaries. In one report there were just three members of the Post and their combined ages was over 278 years. They, however, through their Woman's Relief Corps and Junior War Veterans keep Old Glory in the schools and churches. As several of our past Patriotic Instructors have said, it is now almost necessary for us to give this patriotic work over to others who may carry on.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,  
**EUGENE OWEN,**  
 Department Patriotic Instructor.

Officer of the Day presented a delegation from the United Spanish War Veterans—Frank B. Granger, Willis J. Pace, G. H. Griffith.

Commander Keeler: We are very glad indeed to have you come and see us to greet us and we want to greet you in the same spirit.



**Frank B. Granger:** Commander and Comrades, it is one of the greatest honors that I have ever had to greet you Veterans what seems to me of the first war. Comrades, my Department Commander has asked me to come and bring you these greetings. He lives in Grand Haven and it was impossible for him to come here and extend greetings to the allied organizations. So he detailed me to assure you that the Department of Michigan wants to cooperate with you Comrades in every way. We have a warm spot for all of you. We feel that you are veterans that practically inspired and made the Spanish War possible. It made what is known as a volunteer army possible. Nobody but volunteers fought in 1898. It was a war that, after all bills were paid, netted this government approximately \$6,000,000,000.

I am not here to tell you about that but I want to give you the credit of inspiring the Spanish War boys with that inspiration to accomplish that feat. I am very happy and feel it a great honor to appear before you and extend greetings from our Department and let us know of anything you want us to do. We will cooperate with you to the fullest extent.

**Mr. Griffith:** I want to let you know that I am so glad to welcome you and I want to give you greetings from the whole city of Mount Clemens and hope you live 100,000 years and come here every year. Thank God you are here with us today.

**Comrade Killeen:** I was at Lansing at your Encampment as you gentlemen know and I want to tell you that I was highly honored and was greeted with all the honor that belongs to any G. A. R. man. Thank you boys here. The Spanish War boys are sons of the Civil War Veterans. They are sons of the veterans and why they are not with us is more than I know. I want to know it. They belong with us and they should be here. I want to say that and I want to greet you gentlemen.

**Comrade Finch:** Commander Keeler is too modest to make any mention of his military service. It was my fortune to find myself at Gettysburg after the war and I read a history of the fight around Little Roundtop. That was one of the hottest contested pieces of ground. I don't know the officers of the regiments that were there but the Confederates shot nearly all of them. He was there in the midst of it in a regiment of sharpshooters. That is the history of that battle.

Badges were presented and the Comrades retired.

Officer of the day presented a delegation from the Daughters of Union Veterans—Matilda D. Roberts, Eunice G. Matts, Florence M. Watling, Blanch Robinson.

**Commander Keeler:** Sisters, we are very glad to greet you. We are pleased beyond words to have you visit us.

**National President Matilda Roberts:** Your Daughters are always happiest when they can come to their fathers' Comrades, to tell you how much we esteem and respect the boys that wear the blue. It is our privilege handed down to us by the heritage that comes from our fathers

that we may be privileged to carry on the work in cooperation with your organization, the G. A. R. This year our organization is 50 years old and all those years we have tried to follow in your footsteps to honor and respect the flag and love it as you have done, to obey the rules and the laws of this country and to be honorable citizens.

You have not only been good soldiers and answered your country's call in times of war, but you have done so in times of peace. As we turn back the pages of our history on those pages are written wonderful deeds that you Comrades have accomplished in peace times as well as in war. I need only mention a few of them, Garfield, Grant, Hayes, McKinley and many others. You in your own state have had them. All states have had them. We are happy to work for you and if we can bring a slight ray of sunshine into your lives we are always happy to do it and we want to tell you that we rededicate our organization to the service of your organization and the good of our country.

The Department President, Mrs. Baken, is very sorry that she couldn't come in person with her love and respect but we are presenting you this little personal gift in her name.

Mrs. Watling: This is my first call on the G. A. R. Convention and I am so glad to be able to be here. I should like to leave this with you. (Presents flowers.)

Mrs. Blanche Robinson: This is a great honor that has been bestowed on me. Thank you and I assure you of the love and esteem of our Department. We wish you great happiness and Godspeed and good luck in your convention and the best of everything all your lives. Thank you.

Commander Keeler: I undertake to say that all the Comrades within hearing of your voice appreciate this sentiment that you mention. They also appreciate the work that the Daughters have done with the view of bettering our condition and helping the last years of our life to more comfortable and contented condition.

The ladies are escorted out by the Officer of the Day after being presented with badges.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, the Department President and Past Dept. Presidents of the Woman's Relief Corps.

Officer of the Day presented Isabel Thomas, Evelyn Creusere, Julia Allen, Elizabeth Stephens, Ethel Wrobble, Gertrude Lewis, Effie Murray, Ida Davidson.

Commander Keeler: We are very glad indeed to have this call. It is one of the pleasant parts of this Encampment to receive these greetings, especially from our Auxiliary.

Mrs. Thomas, Department President: My dear Commander, it is with great pleasure that I come here today to bring greetings from the mother organization and the Auxiliary. Commander Keeler and I have had a wonderful year together although I haven't seen him so much. We

have corresponded regularly and I have enjoyed his friendship through the year. This is just a little personal gift for you and the boys from my husband and I. (Presents box of cigars.) I will now read my report for the year.



NINA KETCHUM  
Department Secretary  
Woman's Relief Corps



ISABELL THOMAS  
Department President  
Woman's Relief Corps

REPORT TO THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Department Commander Frank D. Keeler: As President of the Department of Michigan, Woman's Relief Corps, I submit to you and your Comrades this report of your Auxiliary for the year's work:

Number of Corps, June 1, 1934 .....	117
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Cash received from former treasurer .....	\$ 645.71
Amount expended for flowers .....	915.69
Cash expended by corps for relief .....	832.04
Value of relief other than money .....	26,986.44
Child welfare relief other than money .....	4,403.67
Amount expended by Department Relief .....	100.00
Amount expended to non-pensioned Civil War Widows at Annex .....	91.00
Number of Grand Army of the Republic assisted .....	139
Number of their families assisted .....	445
Number of Army Nurses assisted .....	36
Number of Spanish War Veterans assisted .....	168
Number of World War Veterans assisted .....	760
Others not relatives assisted .....	2,957
Total number of persons assisted .....	4,505
Number of members March 31, 1934 .....	5,673
Number of members March 31, 1935 .....	5,729

I am happy to report that our Department after a lapse of years have closed our books for the fiscal year with a net gain in membership. We are proud to have the National President of your Auxiliary chosen from our Department. We are happy to have had some part in elevating Mrs. Lizetta Coady to this high office of the National Presidency of the Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic. We have been proud to have had the privilege of working with you this year and trust that you may have many happy memories of our year together.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,  
**ISABEL THOMAS,**  
 Department President.

Comrade Keeler we want every Comrade to go with us to the Memorial exercises.

Commander Keeler: Thank you, Mrs. Thomas, who is there that dares assert that the W. R. C. claims to some distinction aren't genuine and substantial. They have done and done and done and worked and called and expended money for the welfare of the boys who are getting to be close to the end. We cannot overstate the benefit that this particular organization has been to the G. A. R. and we thank you many many times for the lovely things you have done for us.

The meeting then adjourned to the W. R. C. meeting place where the members of the G. A. R. participated in the memorial service.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICES

The memorial service was impressive, full of solemnity and reverence due those who have passed on this past year. Leah Mills, Department Chaplain, presided. An altar, attractively draped in vines and flowers, was placed in front of the platform. Those taking part marched in and as each gave their tribute, placed their bouquets on the altar in honor of those to whom they were paying tribute.

Gladys Allen sang "Abide With Me," while those taking part slowly marched in and grouped themselves about the altar.

Leah Mills: "Another year has passed and we pause in the activities of our work to pay tribute and honor to those who have gone from us during the year. We miss the familiar forms of friends who have cheered us with their smiles, those who have worked earnestly for the good of the order. These memories and tributes should give us the inspirations to go forward."

Prayer by Evelyn Creusere: "Our dear Heavenly Father, we come to you today with the feeling of peace and sadness in our hearts. So many of our beloved order have been called across that silent river from which no one returns. How we miss them. Their faces have gone from our sight but their beautiful examples are still with us and may we profit by what they have done. Heavenly Father, be with all those who mourn their loved ones, comfort them in their deep sorrow, as we lay these tributes on the altar of memory. May the peace of God abide with them always."

TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL AND DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

"During the past year many members of the Grand Army of the Republic of Michigan have passed to their homes beyond. It is with a feeling of great sadness that we watch their numbers diminishing. Let us be a little more thoughtful of those heroes left with us. With love and devotion I place these flowers on the altar, for the departed members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

For us they gave their lives, their all;  
For us these heroes bled,  
And shall we not their memory keep,  
These heroes who are dead."

Gertrude Lewis.

Leah Mills: "And glory guards with solemn brow the bivouac of the dead."

Taps for the dead were given by Charles Norris.  
"Lead Kindly Light" was then sung by Gladys Allen.

TRIBUTE TO ARMY NURSES

"Another year has passed and the Woman's Relief Corps, in convention assembled, again pause to pay tribute to those who have preceded us 'Thru the door.' To me has been given the honor to pay special tribute to our Army Nurses—those angels of mercy, whose service to our Boys in Blue showed a devotion rarely given to humanity, and our Grand Army will cherish their memory while life lasts. Although so few are left we think of those gone as still here in memory so brave and loyal, leaving an inspiration for us to carry on and try to emulate the sacred services they so untiringly rendered for our soldiers of 61-65.

Sleep on, dear ones—such lives as thine  
Have not been lived in vain.  
They left an influence rare, divine  
On lives that here remain.

"Affectionately I place these flowers in the memory of our Army Nurses."

Leah Simpson.

TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS, PAST DEPARTMENT  
OFFICERS AND OFFICERS OF THE WOMAN'S  
RELIEF CORPS

"There is no death,  
The sun goes down,  
To rise upon  
Some fairer shore.  
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown  
They shine forever more.

"I place these flowers in loving memory of Past National and Past Department Officers of the Woman's Relief Corps."

Effie Murray.

Gladys Allen sang "The Vacant Chair."

#### A LOVING TRIBUTE TO ANNA M. EARL

"God opened the door of his temple,  
And bade her come over the sill.  
Feeling the strength of his presence,  
She answered, 'Dear Master I will.'"

It is with sorrowing hearts that we pause today for a short space of our time to give thought to her who was with us a year ago with a heart full of the wonderful spirit of the work of our order, and has now listened to the command, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

Anna M. Keys Earl was born at Belchertown, Mass., August 23, 1864. Died in Detroit, September 11, 1935.

Mrs. Earl was married to Horatio S. Earl on her eighteenth birthday, August 23, 1882. The Earl family came to Detroit in 1889, where she resided until her death. She mothered two sons, five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mrs. Earl was Past National Chaplain, Past Department President and Past President of Gen. O. M. Poe Corps No. 8 of the Woman's Relief Corps, and at the time of her death was Treasurer of Poe Corps. She has filled many honored positions in many other organizations. She gave her time and ability to the relief of the suffering and distressed.

Give strength, give deeds, give thoughts; give love, give tears and give thyself. The more we give the more we live, this was her creed.

Her illustrious virtues, her splendid genius, her matchless leadership, her unerring judgment, her sturdy honesty of purpose, her fidelity, loyalty and patriotism entitle her to the highest praise and loving memorial tribute a grateful people can bestow.

"Oh bravest, truest, best,  
Well earned the quiet rest.  
Beneath the daisied sod, for you,  
Oh! tired sleeper, watched by God."

In loving memory of our friend, Anna M. Earl, I place this floral tribute.

Ethel Creusere Wrobbel,  
National Senior Aide.

#### TRIBUTE TO AUGUSTA JOHNSON, PAST DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT.

Augusta Johnson was born in Ohio. After completing her education in Ohio she taught school there for many years. She was married to Squire Johnson, who was a drummer boy in the Civil War. Moving

to Michigan later she joined Corbett Corps No. 261 and was one of their charter members many years. She served as president of that Corps many terms, also of Woodbury Corps of Adrian. She was elected Department President in 1918. She held the office of chairman of the Relief Committee for many years, which office she held at the time of her death. She passed away November 22, 1934, leaving a large circle of friends to mourn her loss who speak of her as one cheerful and gracious in manner although an intense sufferer for many long years.

Not dead, but only promoted,  
She has entered that order above,  
And 'neath the smiles of her Master  
She will finish her labor of love.

I place these flowers in loving memory of Augusta Johnson.

Julia Allen.

"Sheaves of Glory" sung by Gladys Allen.

#### TRIBUTE TO DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

Each year takes its toll from this band of loyal women, and as we pay tribute to our beloved members, let us only say

With tear dimmed eyes we have watched their barques  
Silently sail away across the shadowy sea,  
And we who are left will watch and wait  
Till the Harbor Master sets us free,  
Then with our freight of love and faith  
We, too, shall cross that unknown sea.

In loving memory of all departed members of the Woman's Relief Corps I place these flowers.

Mayme Curtis.

Leah Mills:

Our Father, we look tonight into the setting sun  
And think of those whose work on earth is done.  
The golden sun is beautiful to see  
As it fades into eternity.  
We loved them as we laid them to rest,  
We gave them back to God who loved them best.  
We follow where their feet have trod,  
Follow where our sunset leads to God.

Isabel Thomas: I wish to thank my Chaplain at this time for the wonderful Memorial Service.

Commander Keeler: Madam President, Ladies. This occasion is rather beyond our comprehension. I have no words to express my sense of the beauty and solemnity of this service. We thank you for giving us the privilege of being here and seeing and enjoying the beautiful music and sentiments expressed. It is getting rather late and we had better go.

Isabel Thomas: Color Bearers, attention. Conductors, Courtesy Committee, attention. You will escort our Grand Army Comrades to their headquarters.

To the song, "Michigan, My Michigan," the Boys in Blue were escorted to their headquarters.

Meeting again called to order at 4:20 p. m. Wednesday afternoon.

Commander Keeler: That was a rather serious interruption, but it was time well spent to participate in a ceremony put on as that was in the Ladies' room. It was a great privilege. We will now resume our business. Has any Comrade any report or any resolutions to offer?

Comrade Carlton: Commander. We, the Committee to whom was referred the Department Commander's address submit the following. We have carefully perused same and cheerfully concur in all the sentiment expressed therein, including the recommendation.

Your Committee has also examined the books, vouchers and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and find them correct in every detail. We recommend that the Department Commander be presented with a Past Department Commander's jewel as a token of esteem from all comrades of this Department.

Signed,  
S. H. Carlton,  
Theodore Burden,  
George W. Howe,  
Committee.

It was moved and supported that the report of the Committee be accepted. Carried.

Commander Keeler: If there is no further business the meeting will adjourn until 9:00 a. m. tomorrow morning.

## SECOND SESSION

Called to order Thursday morning, June 20, at 9:00 by Commander Keeler. Prayer by Chaplain.

Commander Keeler: Is there anything further from the Council of Administration?

Comrade Estabrook: This is the time for resolutions and I have a resolution handed me that I should like to read to be acted upon. It has nothing to do with the place of meeting. That is supposed to come into the afternoon session. This morning there may be someone visiting and ready to report. This resolution, with your permission, I will read.

Mount Clemens, June 19, 1935.

Resolution calling for a study of immigration with a view to barring undesirable aliens.

2nd

That the schools should spend more time in teaching history than in story telling.



## 3rd

The Director's attention should be called to the law in regard to the flag being raised over the schools while in session and see that it is enforced.

## 4th

The G. A. R.'s heartily agree with the W. R. C. in opposing the erection of a monument in Arlington National Cemetery in memory of Robert E. Lee.

Committee,

John F. Beaumont, Commander of  
Heber Le Favor Post No. 181, Mil-  
ford,

Theo Burden, Holly, Mich., Vice  
President of Crapo Post, Flint,  
Mich.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, a committee with greetings.

Officer of the Day: Commander, I present Mrs. Clara Koch, Department Sr. Vice President of the Auxiliary to the U. S. W. V.

Mrs. Clara Koch: I come to you with the greetings of the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary and we wish for you happy years and for the rest of your life happy hours. Presents flowers to the Commander.

Commander Keeler: Thank you. We are very glad to receive you and we want you to carry back our best wishes to the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary and we hope to continue on the most friendly relations with that order. We are glad indeed to have any call from you.

Mrs. Koch: I am a daughter of the South, but I am thoroughly a Woman's Relief Corps woman. Retire.

Comrade Estabrook: Several resolutions have been read and I offer them for adoption.

Comrade Killeen: Those are good resolutions and I move that we adopt them. Supported and Carried.

Commander Keeler: What is the further pleasure of the Comrades? Have any delegations visited the other organizations so that we can get a report from them on file?

Comrade Finch: I want to know what they think of a proposition that I should like to offer, about the attendance of our Comrades to the State Encampments. It would seem to me that we secure money enough that we could afford to pay the hotel bills of all attending comrades. In a matter of fairness. If the parties that stood our finances think that we can do it, I should like to present it again.

Commander Keeler: The custom has been followed for many years and I don't see how we can change it.

Comrade Finch: For many years you couldn't get into the meeting unless you were a delegate, but now if you are in good standing you can come. A few more members won't hurt a bit.

Comrade Carleton: I move that we proceed to the selection of the place of the next meeting. Supported. Carried.

Commander Keeler: Due to the fact that the report was approved without reading this matter is out of order.

Comrade Finch: We voted without understanding what we were approving and the report has never been read.

It was moved and supported that the Commander's report be read. Carried.

Assistant Adjutant read the part of report relative to resolution.

Comrade Carleton: I should like to state that in case this is to be left to the Council of Administration, we should like instructions from the Department before we make our decision. We would abide by the recommendation of the Encampment. Whatever place they decided upon would be approved by the Council of Administration.

Officer of the Day: Can you accept any company?

Commander Keeler: Invite them in.

Mrs. Margaret Camp read the poem the "Little Bronze Button."

Mrs. Camp: Comrades, in 1883 I had a girl who was two years old. I joined the Relief Corps. What I don't know about crippled soldiers, crippled children, orphans, and sick wives in the years that we didn't have gambling parties and pot-luck suppers. It was "Who'll stay up with this woman tonight?" The Relief Corps did it. We didn't have hospitals then. Last year I was chairman of Child Welfare. I wear my ribbon with honor. I want to shake hands with my Commander. Mrs. Camp retired.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, Major Harry L. Warren, representing the United Spanish War Veterans.

Department Commander: We will receive him.

Major Harry L. Warren: I had a talk with my State Commander and he insisted that I come here and talk with the G. A. R. men. I intended to be here at 9:00. I have a flag in front of my house and I know all of you gentlemen will be interested in that flag. It was made by hand at the time Virginia was admitted to this Union which was during the Civil War in 1863. It is a bunting flag with 10-inch stripes.

I originally came from Bay City. I started the organization of Spanish War Veterans in 1901 and my incentive was through the meetings that I attended with the U. S. Grant Post at Bay City. They urged us to start our organization and our organization is founded practically identically with the G. A. R. We want to give you that credit.

I was educated at Riverview Military Academy at Poughkeepsie, New York. We went to the Memorial exercises in a body. We marched in the parade and went into the hall and met with the G. A. R. men and sang all the old songs. Your work and your men were fathers to all of us boys. We regret that the separation took place. I asked if we could meet with the G. A. R. fifteen years ago. I hope we will meet with you again next year. We love you and we want to be with you. I hope that we can all get together and meet next year. My Commander asked me to come as a special messenger and tell you that.

I want to speak to Comrade Estabrook. He was on the Michigan Soldiers' Home Board. I was there on a stretcher four years ago. They told me that I would live two weeks. I am a pretty live corpse yet. I owe my life today to the treatment I got at the Soldiers' Home. Through the efforts of Comrade Estabrook and Comrade Bush on the Board that home was brought to the wonderful place it is today. I thank you all and I am glad that I have been here and hope that we will be together next year.

The delegation retires and a delegation from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans arrives.

Commander Keeler: We are very glad to have you with us today.

Mrs. Peters: I should like to present to you my National President, Mrs. Gertrude Sautter.

Mrs. Sautter: I have been traveling all over the United States and meeting with all of your Comrades every place. I want to bring you the National greetings of my National organization. We are assisting the Sons of Union Veterans to carry on your work. We, as an organization of 22,500 women, are carrying on just as well as we can and as well as any of the other organizations can during the depression. We are going to grow in numbers and the Sons are going to grow in numbers and be what you want us to be. I think it is up to the Sons to carry on the work of the G. A. R. because they are your blood kin and who is going to look after that work better than them. I know that they are just waiting for you to tell them what you want them to do. Don't hesitate to do so. They are glad to do it for you and they are willing to do it for you.

I met your Commander-in-Chief on several occasions. He goes whenever he doesn't have to travel too far from home. I know that he would wish for me to extend to you his very best wishes. I hope you have a nice convention. I know you boys in blue enjoy meeting with one another and relating your stories and I am not going to take any more of your time. I am glad to have been with you. May God give you help and strength to enjoy your life for many years to come.

Mrs. Peters: I want to present to you Sister Stella Palmer, one of our Past Department Presidents.

Mrs. Palmer: Commander, I believe that most of you remember me for I think I come to you every year and I am very happy to come every year to see you young men in your nice uniforms. It makes me feel so

grateful when I am appointed on this committee because it reminds me of my father when I was a youngster. Many were the stories that I heard and I think today that I could relate a great many of those stories. I sat by the hour and listened to those war stories. My father was in the 9th Michigan Infantry. He ran away to enlist. His enthusiasm and his patriotism were so great that he was determined to go, and he went. He came back and we were so happy to take him to the various Conventions. Today has been given me a very pleasant duty to perform as always. I am not going to hand you flowers today, but I am going to give you a remembrance that you can keep from time on and when you have passed on the last one who remains will have a remembrance from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans and I hope that you will enjoy it as much as we enjoy giving it to you.

Presents Lincoln's Gettysburg Address beautifully framed.

Mrs. Peters: Another Past Department President who has a few words.

Mrs. Wright: Commander Keeler, this is my Post Commander. I am glad to come this morning and bring you these flowers as the token of our love and esteem from the Auxiliary. I consider it an honor to do this as well as the pleasure that it gives me. I present these to you in the name of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. I hope that each one will be here next year.

Mrs. Peters: Brother Keeler, I have appreciated working with you this year. I have enjoyed the friendship that has been formed. I had the privilege of having Sister Davidson a member of my Auxiliary. To me that is a pleasure, an honor and to her today I am going to present a little token that she may wear. Presents Auxiliary pin.

Mrs. Davidson: I also have appreciated being associated with you this year because it is nice to have a friend. I thank you more than I can tell you.

Mrs. Peters: Sister Ida has been a friend to me. Appreciate Ida's efforts. Her heart, her efforts and work is in your work and I want each one of you boys to appreciate her to the fullest extent. I know her value. I hope you will appreciate her for your future years. I thank you.

The ladies retire after being presented with badges.

The Officer of the Day presents a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Mrs. Bartlett: Commander, we are the Ladies of the G. A. R. and this is a very happy time for us. This is our National Junior Vice Commander, Mrs. Ethel Cottrell, and Mrs. Woolett, one of the Department Ladies and we have brought you a gift. I hope you will have a great many happy years. This is a very happy time for us.

Commander Keeler: We would feel as though we had missed something if you ladies did not come to us.

**Mrs. Cottrell:** I should like to place this badge upon you and I am very happy to have this privilege and hope that you have a very lovely convention.

**Mrs. Woollett:** I am very pleased to be here. My father for years and years was in this work and I treasure it. While I am getting along in years I feel today that I will wear out and not rust out. The ladies retire.

**Commander Keeler:** We will proceed with business.

**Officer of the Day** presents the Fife and Drum Corps.

**Mr. Norris:** As is our custom we are coming in to salute you boys of the G. A. R. I am sorry to say that none of the G. A. R. boys were able to march with us any more. We now have sons and grandsons. We will try to give you a little of the old time music.

The Fife and Drum Corps played several numbers. They then retire.

**Officer of the Day** presents Mr. Habermann from Battle Creek.

**Mr. Habermann:** I don't want to take much of your time. I know that you have much business to transact, but through your courtesy, I would like to extend you a personal invitation to come to Battle Creek. I know each one who was at Battle Creek had a fine time. We have excellent facilities for holding the encampment. You will not be crowded or hampered in your meeting place. You will have large rooms and our housing facilities are entirely adequate. I know that we would be delighted to entertain you and wish to assure you that we will do everything to make your encampment a success. A great many organizations are coming to Battle Creek and it has been recognized as an excellent convention city because of the facilities available. I sincerely hope that you will accept our invitation. Thank you.

**Commander Keeler:** Your invitation is received and will be treated the best we know how.

**Mr. Habermann** then leaves.

**Comrade Carleton:** In view of the situation I should like to ask for a recommendation from the encampment as to where the next place shall be.

**Officer of the Day:** We have a gentleman from Ludington.

**Commander Keeler:** Admit him.

**Mr. Blodgett:** I sent an invitation to the G. A. R. some months ago in regard to coming to Ludington for 1936. I believe you have most of the information that is necessary in regard to it. I simply represent Post and the city itself in coming here and personally giving you the same invitation to come next year to our city. You name what you want and you can have it. That is agreed by the Board of Commerce and the mayor. I thank you.

Commander Keeler: That is generous enough. The matter is now in the hands of the proper authorities and will be given due consideration.

Comrade Estabrook then read invitations from Ludington, Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Lansing.

Comrade Carleton: Could we ask for a recommendation from the Encampment? I move that we vote on the location for the next Encampment as a recommendation to the Council of Administration. Supported. Carried.

Comrade Finch: May I say that from the votes here everyone was lost the same as I was. I am perfectly satisfied just as the Commander recommended in regard to the Council of Administration. However, I want to say that this Council can't very well fix the time because we will have a new council when this meeting closes. I am satisfied to let it rest as it is. There are some advantages in leaving it to a committee that can take their time. That's all I have to say.

On the first ballot: Battle Creek, 6; Ludington, 6; Lansing, 4.

Comrade Carleton: So far as the committee is concerned we are satisfied. There doesn't seem to be any great preference and there is no great danger of our deciding against the majority.

Comrade Finch: I had something to do with bringing this question up. I don't see that there is anything further to do. I am satisfied to leave it with the Commander and the committee.

Commander Keeler: So far as this action is concerned the Council of Administration is present and understand it and they can decide it right here. So far as I am concerned the vote we have taken might be adopted as their report and fixed dates right here and now if that is what they want. I have no objection but I do want everything done in such a manner that somebody can't jump up and pass a quick resolution to do something that we will be sorry for.

Comrade Carleton: As chairman of the committee I think I can say that we would be able to report after dinner on the question of location.

Comrade Finch: I am not through on the proposition of the Department paying for the hotel expenses of the Department Encampment of all members in good standing that attend. I wish to make a motion that we adopt that plan of taking care of all Comrades in good standing that attend our State Encampments. Supported.

Comrade Estabrook: Comrade Finch, do you mean that this should take immediate effect?

Comrade Finch: I would suggest that we consider this matter in our afternoon meeting.

Secretary Davidson: The state officials and the committee from the entertaining city that comes to the capitol to ask for the appropriation to entertain the G. A. R. take care of that. The State of Michigan

this year gave \$1,200 and they have been giving such an amount. There is no reason why the Comrades of the G. A. R. who are able to come to these Encampments should not be taken care of. This is expected to be done first. That is the understanding when the State Administrative Board votes that money out. They are supposed to be taken care of first.

The motion was carried.

Comrade Keeler: The Comrades who were appointed to visit other organizations might take this time to go and do that.

It was moved and seconded that we adjourn until 1:30 p. m. Carried.

### THIRD SESSION

The third session was called to order by Commander Keeler at 1:30 p. m., Thursday, June 20, 1935.

Commander Keeler: Are there any reports from the visiting committees?

Comrade Carleton: I called on the Relief Corps. I told them that the Grand Army was their baby and that they were liable to lose it. Mrs. Coady told me that she had just attended a convention in Columbus, Ohio, where there were 100 veterans and she said she had seen sicker calves live and that we must be careful and not draw that last breath.

Comrade Rogers: I visited the Daughters with Riley and they gave us a very fine reception. They escorted us in and introduced us and they took us on the platform. The National Commander of the Sons and the State Commander were there and they gave us a fine reception. Comrade Riley sang the song "Who Will Carry On."

Comrade Finch: I was appointed as a committee to visit the Auxiliary to the V. F. W. We were cordially received and taken in. We had hard work to get away. We had to use all of our art of persuasion to keep them in line so that we could get outside. They wished us many years of happiness.

Comrade Riley: The Daughters had their meeting at the same time as this morning's meeting and I had to miss theirs.

Comrade Killeen: The next time I take him anywhere I'll leave him at home.

Comrade Carleton: Commander.

### REPORT OF RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Department Commander and Comrades: Your Committee on Resolutions offer the following:

Resolved, That we, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, here assembled for our 57th Annual Encampment, do most sincerely appreciate and express our thanks for the eloquent address of welcome

from Mayor Westendorf, and to Mr. Brewer, Executive Secretary of the Board of Commerce, who, with his committees has spent the past year planning for our comfort and entertainment. To all connected with this hotel, and to every citizen of Mt. Clemens we say "thank you." And be it

Further resolved, That we compliment highly all members of the Encampment, from Commander down, for the credit they have done to the name G. A. R.

Council of Administration begs leave to report that the next Encampment will be held in Battle Creek.

S. H. CARLETON,  
THEODORE BURDEN,  
J. F. BEAUMONT,  
Committee.

Comrade Estabrook: I move the adoption of the report of the Resolutions Committee. Supported. Carried.

Officer of the Day: A gentleman from Bay City desires to come in.

Commander Keeler: Let him in.

Mr. Fraser: Commander Keeler, I would like to have the pleasure to disturb your little conference. We have submitted to you some communications from Bay City. We are awaiting with open arms for the next convention in Bay City. I understood that there have been some bids in since yesterday. It is known to be the place where the summer trail begins. Bay City is very anxious to have this next convention there. I should like to have your kind support. It is a nice town, hospitable, and the people are waiting with open arms to have you there. I hope that you will consider that little request in the form of three letters we presented and I thank you for this little privilege and hope that you will at least consider us.

Commander Keeler: We will give it proper consideration.

Comrade Estabrook moved that the Council of Administration be elected. Supported and carried. The following were nominated and elected unanimously:

Comrade George Wilcox.  
Comrade J. P. Riley.  
Comrade Eugene Owen.  
Comrade A. H. Lightcap.  
Comrade Theodore Burden.

Comrade Estabrook: We need five delegates to the National Encampment.

Delegate-at-Large—Isaac Grant.  
John Beaumont.  
Orlando LeValley.  
M. J. Warner.  
Smith H. Carleton.  
Ed. Rogers.

They were elected unanimously.



Comrade Estabrook: We would now like six alternates. As we have so many men that have been officers and cannot act I move that when we meet at the National Encampment we select substitutes for the regular delegates provided they are not there. Supported and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: This is an extra invitation received since reading the others. (Read invitation from Bay City.)

Comrade Carleton: I move that the report of the committee be adopted. Supported.

Comrade Grant: This is a large state. We ought to have some Encampments in the northern part of the state. I don't think it is square. They ought to give the Comrades in the northern part of the state a fair break and I insist that we vote on the proposition of Ludington. I move that the selection of the place be rescinded.

Officer of the Day: A delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R. and the Children of the G. A. R.

Commander Keeler: Admit them.

Jean Clarke: These greetings are from the Children of the G. A. R. Commander, I want to tell the story of the boys in blue to my grandchildren. They present flowers in the name of the Children of the G. A. R.

Commander Keeler: We are very much delighted to have you come in.

Mrs. Boggs: I want to say that our Children have been carrying on in Detroit since 1915 and we expect to add and add our Children of the G. A. R. They are a Junior Order to the National Daughters of the G. A. R. We expect to keep these children growing until they will have thousands to honor the G. A. R.

Mrs. Wilena Clarke: My father was in the same regiment as Comrade LaCroix and in the same company. I am very glad to meet him. My father was Robert Moore and he was in the 5th Michigan Company B. I am very glad to meet the G. A. R. in session.

Mrs. Boggs: I am the woman who is trying to save the G. A. R. building in Detroit for a memorial. We asked the city to set aside that building for the honor of the G. A. R. The city could keep that building up and we want them to do so for the G. A. R.

Ladies retire.

Comrade Carleton: I should like to know if there is any way that you can rescind a report of a committee after the report has been made and approved?

Comrade Finch: It would seem to me that we went a little bit wrong. Was it just right to leave that proposition of the place of meeting to a committee? That was done and they have reported and it has been adopted I guess two or three times over this morning in a different way but maybe we didn't have any authority under our by-laws to dele-

gate that authority to a committee. Maybe we got outside of our jurisdiction.

Commander Keeler: This matter was taken up and fully considered. It was discussed and discussed and finally we took action on it. I am not willing to go through it again and be a party to the undoing of that report at this time. If I am wrong you can give it to me left-handed.

Comrade Finch: Do we have the right to give that authority to the committee?

Comrade Killeen: I can't see where you can rescind that, and if you change it in any way it looks to me as though you have to have a new committee. You take it out of the hands of the committee at the present time and what does it amount to? In the first place, the Ladies will have more control over this than we will. We name the place and when it comes right down to it we don't have anything to say. We don't have any right to tell them where they have to go and where they don't have to go. It looks to me as though you would have to let it go as it is. The committee should be the authority.

Comrade Carleton: I am not asking any consideration for the committee. It was appointed and did its duty and the report is in your hands.

Commander Keeler: The motion was out of order.

Comrade Estabrook: I move the adoption of the report of the committee be voted on. The motion was lost.

Comrade Grant: I move that we accept the Ludington proposition and let them all have a chance to vote on it. Supported.

Comrade Estabrook: In coming to a vote on the selection I am going to read the names of all before we vote on any. Bay City, Ludington, Kalamazoo, Lansing and Battle Creek.

Commander Keeler: As I understand this we voted on a certain number of places and had a tie on two. Since that there were one or two more places came in. I don't think that we have any right to vote on any except the two. It is up to you gentlemen to study on that. You are in a kink.

Comrade Estabrook: As we started in knowing nothing about the Commander's report, the only fair way to select a place for future meeting would be to take the names as we have always done and then take an informal ballot by the whole Encampment and the one that got a majority of votes was selected.

Comrade Finch: I think maybe to straighten this out I would move that we proceed to the choice of the next place of our meeting by ballot. Supported.

Comrade Carleton: It comes again to a point of order. You can't vote after the ballot was closed and unless you discharge that com-

mittee you can't begin all over again. Whatever follows is out of order if you don't discharge that committee.

Officer of the Day: Here are some ladies.

Commander Keeler: Admit them.

Mrs. Tighe: We present the greetings from the Auxiliary to the V. F. W. We hope that your meetings have been successful and we are hoping that ours will be. We wish you all the success possible.

The ladies are escorted out.

Comrade Killeen: Commander, I want to say that it is in your power to settle this argument. There was a committee appointed and you gave that committee the power to decide on where it should be held. They have brought in their report and you have it. It looks to me as though anyone who opposed that is out of order. It should be settled now and no more argument.

Commander Keeler: The report of this committee was brought in. I declare any further action on this choice out of order on the adoption of that report and the decision to go to Battle Creek. We go to Battle Creek next year. We have selected Battle Creek.

Comrade Stewart: I should like to ask one question. I don't know whether it is in order or not. Is it in the Constitution where you can appoint a committee and that committee decide everything for the whole group of these G. A. R. men and have it legal?

Commander Keeler: The time has arrived for us to proceed with our regular business and it is now in order to nominate officers for election for the ensuing year. I appoint Beaumont, Wilcox and Chappelle as tellers. Nominations for Commander are now in order.

Comrade Rogers: I nominate Comrade Killeen. Supported by several.

Comrade Grant: I nominate Comrade Stewart. Supported by Comrade Howe.

Commander Keeler: We declare the nominations closed if there are no further nominations. We will proceed to ballot.

Comrade Estabrook: The results of the ballot are as follows: Total votes cast, 19. Comrade Stewart receives 11, Comrade Killeen, 8.

Commander Keeler: I declare Comrade Stewart elected Commander. We will now vote for Senior Vice Commander. Nominations are now in order.

Comrade Estabrook nominates Theodore Burden. Supported by several. The rules are suspended and Comrade Burden was declared elected unanimously.

Commander Keeler: We are now ready for nominations for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Isaac Grant was nominated but refused to act. Comrade George Wilcox also declined the nomination.

Comrade Finch nominated Comrade Rogers.

Comrade Finch: If there are no further nominations I move that the rules be suspended and the entire vote be cast for Comrade Rogers for Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, by the instruction of this Encampment I cast a unanimous vote for Comrade Rogers for Junior Vice Commander.

Commander Keeler: He is now declared elected. Nominations are now in order for Chaplain.

Comrade Estabrook nominated Comrade James Riley. It is moved and supported that the rules be suspended and Secretary Davidson cast the unanimous vote for Comrade Riley. Carried. Secretary Davidson casts the unanimous vote for Comrade Riley for Chaplain.

Commander Keeler declared him elected. Nominations are now in order for Medical Director.

Comrade Estabrook nominated Comrade Howe. Rules are suspended and the Adjutant casts a unanimous vote for Comrade Howe for Medical Director.

Commander Keeler declared him elected. The next thing is the installation of the officers as elected for next year. John Killeen will you install these officers?

Comrade Killeen: I don't think that I understand this well enough to do justice to it. We have a Past Commander here that has served three years and I think that he can do it better than I can.

Officer of the Day: Mrs. Martha Gilbert, Mrs. Westwood.

They were admitted.

Mrs. Gilbert: Department Commander, I would like to read this poem.

Written by Martha L. M. Gilbert of Detroit, Life Secretary of the Third Michigan Cavalry Association of the Civil War, for a Tribute to the Michigan Soldiers of 1861 to 1865, in Encampment at Mt. Clemens, Michigan, June 19, 20 and 21, 1935.

Bugle and fife and drum, slow and stately our soldiers come,  
 God's army of patriot's gray, whom we honor with garlands today;  
 The sun and the shadows of years that are passed  
 Leave the glory of deeds that were never surpassed,  
 And old memories come to us thick and fast—  
 Of the horror of war we thank God, could not last;  
 We see you today as the world saw you then;  
 The flower of our state were the Michigan men.

There was cheering and shouting, how the bands did play;  
 And the tramp, tramp of feet, as you marched away.  
 All the mothers and fathers and sweethearts were there—  
 Each boy had a blessing and someone to care;  
 Old Glory above you, and leading the way,  
 Its stars all were shining, but I'm sure we can say  
 It was Michigan's star we were watching that day.

The Battle Cry of Freedom and Columbia so dear—  
 The Girl I Left Behind Me came ringing loud and clear;  
 But when the bands played Michigan, My Michigan, so sweet,  
 The very earth resounded with the sound of marching feet.  
 "We are coming, Father Abraham, a hundred thousand more";  
 And old Michigan responded with her ninety thousand roar;  
 And when our boys came back to us, a faded line of blue,  
 That banner carried every star, and the honor goes to you.

With Old Glory above them they came,  
 Our Michigan's Guard of her star;  
 Our Boys of Sixty-one,  
 These men of the G. A. R.  
 So stately and tall and fine,  
 Erect like our Michigan pine.  
 We love you, dear soldiers in blue,  
 And we're bringing our roses to you.

Some rest in the Southland afar—  
 But today our Michigan's star  
 Is crowning their little green tent,  
 While the heads of our nation are bent;  
 Every Michigan daughter and son,  
 Is marking that place as one,  
 With laurel and violets blue  
 That will tell how we honor them, too.  
 And their bivouac will ever be blest,  
 With our flowers for God's soldiers at rest.

I wish I could tell how we love you,  
 But the story would take too long;  
 But of one thing we're sure as the sun and the sea,  
 When the book of your lives shall unfold  
 Your record will be on a page alone,  
 How our soldiers came into their own;  
 And the daughters will tell wherever they dwell,  
 The story so old yet new,  
 How Old Glory may stand all over the land,  
 By the blood of our fathers true.  
 And our children repeat at the mother's feet  
 The tale of our boys in blue.

Mrs. Westwood: I present these flowers to you in memory of Com-  
 mander Gilbert.

Commander Keeler: Ladies, we are delighted to have you come in with such a cheerful expression and with this tribute. We certainly appreciate it also.

Officer of the Day presents a delegation from the V. F. W. after escorting the ladies out.

Mr. Leonard: We bring greetings from the V. F. W. to you good old Comrades. It is indeed a great pleasure to have this privilege of presenting this token which represents your youth, duty, your life and service which you rendered to our great nation in time of stress and strain. We, the younger boys, are very happy that we can go along with your Comrades and that we can cooperate with you. We are very happy to be along with you and give you all the assistance we possibly can. It is indeed a great pleasure for me especially to be here. It gives me a great inspiration for my granddad was a member of the G. A. R. We appreciate and the world will never forget the great work you did for your country in keeping the Union. It is with a great deal of pleasure that we present a badge from the Department of Michigan V. F. W.

Commander Keeler: We are very glad to have you come in and greet us in this way. Your cooperation is very much appreciated.

Badges are presented and the Comrades retired.

Department Commander: If there is no further business we will proceed to the installation of officers.

Comrade Estabrook acted as installing officer and Comrade Grant as officer of the day.

Following officers were duly installed:

Ira M. Stewart—Department Commander.  
Theodore Burden—Department Senior Vice Commander.  
Edmund Rogers—Department Junior Vice Commander.  
J. P. Riley—Department Chaplain.  
George W. Howe—Medical Director.

Comrade Stewart appointed Comrade S. H. Carleton Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General. He was duly installed.

Comrade Estabrook: Comrade Keeler, there are a great many hardships connected with the G. A. R. and there are also pleasures. In testimony it gives me great pleasure, extreme pleasure, to present you, Commander Keeler, with something as a testimonial from the Department of Michigan of their esteem for you as Past Department Commander to pin upon your breast something which we hope you will wear with pride and devotion to the G. A. R. The Past Commander's Badge.

Commander Keeler: This is one of the finest testimonials in all my life and in all of my subsequent life I shall be most proud to wear this badge. I thank you.

Officer of the Guard: Commander, a committee with greetings.

Officer of the Day presents Frank L. Kirchgassner, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Veterans, and Perle L. Fouch.

Frank L. Kirchgassner: Commander, dear Comrades of the Civil War from Michigan, I come to you today with a message from your sons, the sons of your Comrades, who faced the dangers and suffering of a great war, in fact the greatest war to this nation that has ever been fought, in the line of importance to the American people, the greatest war at least since the war of the revolution, and in my opinion of no less importance.

As Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, I desire to say a few words to you in memory of your trials, experience, and patriotic endeavors as a soldier and of the many things you as individuals and as a united army accomplished, the result of that war was greater than our fondest hopes might ever expect, the accomplishments were greater than our brightest dreams, no one knowing more the cost, discouragements, and other things that might affect your determination to go forward than do you, but not withstanding all this you moved forward shoulder to shoulder determined to do and win the battles in which you participated and today the world knows full well your victories, and while perhaps it does not know what you endured during those long four years, it does know that you gave, and in a patriotic spirit, your all and everything for a God loving people and for free institutions, yes for posterity, that they might enjoy a country of freedom and prosperity, the greatest freedom the world has ever known.

I congratulate you on your long lives and being permitted to stay with us so long, you within the hearing of my voice have been able to enjoy the fruits of your courage, determination and fights for your country and you have the knowledge at this time that you have lived a life well spent, and with no selfishness or self interest in it.

Mr. Fouch: I am sure that every one of you old boys are thoroughly convinced that I have for years put forward everything that I could do in the interest of this Department; that you are sure that I am interested in Michigan; that I am interested in the G. A. R. in my heart and in my mind. I have come to you upon a mission. I want to see honors, future honors come to the Michigan Department of the G. A. R. As you all know, time is going by weeks, months, years. Within a few years the last member of your great organization will have answered the last reveille and written his name on the white records in the great beyond. Therefore, we want to bring to Michigan in these times the greatest honors that can be brought to the G. A. R., all the honor that can be brought.

My object this afternoon, my Comrades, is that Michigan present at Grand Rapids when the G. A. R. comes to our great state, the playground of this whole nation, the name of a man that is worthy; a man that is able, a man that can give satisfaction. A man who gave satisfaction for three consecutive terms as your Department Commander.

Therefore, I am coming to you to seek your cooperation and to ask that before you adjourn this meeting, which will be your last before that great National Encampment at Grand Rapids, to pass a resolution here and now that Michigan unitedly and without one dissenting vote of the remaining members of the G. A. R. endorse the Comrade, a good friend of mine whom I know is true and able. I want you to endorse your fellow Comrade, A. C. Estabrook, for Commander-in-Chief. I thank you.

Comrade Estabrook: Brother Fouch, you have certainly paid me a distinguished compliment. Your effort to honor me with the exalted office of Commander-in-Chief, your kindly words, and any action the Comrades may have wished to take in my behalf, I assure you is deeply appreciated, but at this time I must decline with thanks.

Commander Stewart: Comrades and Past Commander, this is the first order that I joined after I got home from the army and this is the first time that I have ever held an office here. I want to thank you people very kindly for putting me into this office as your future Commander and I shall do everything in my power to act with respect to myself and to my Comrades. I thank you very much again for this honor.

Comrade Grant: If there is no further business I move that we adjourn sine die.

Supported and carried.

#### UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM

Again the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations wish to express their appreciation to the citizens of Mt. Clemens for their hospitality and kindness.

#### WELCOME

From our own Governor Frank D. Fitzgerald, (page 7)

#### GREETINGS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS, AND ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS

Mount Clemens extends a hearty welcome to every member of your organizations and we hope that every member will attend the encampment, June 19th, 20th and 21st. We want this annual meeting to be the best ever and we are striving to make it so. Our doors are wide open and hospitality shall reign during your entire stay. We shall pay you homage that is your due and desire sincerely that you make yourselves at home. It will fill our cup to overflowing if, when you depart, you will say we have had the best time ever.

Bring the family, relatives and friends. We await and expect you all.

Sincerely,

DONALD R. WESTENDORF, Mayor.



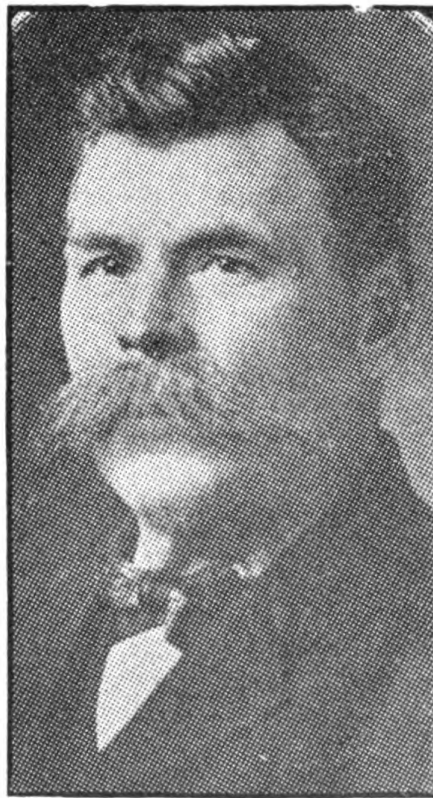
CITY'S ONE-MAN G. A. R. POST WELCOMES VISITING  
COMRADES

"I certainly welcome my Comrades to Mount Clemens again! It has been nearly 40 years since we had our last encampment here. Most of our boys were still here then—but now I'm the only one."

Captain Gilbert LaCroix, Mount Clemens' lone member of the G. A. R., thus extended his greetings today to the handful of Michigan's Civil War veterans here for the G. A. R. encampment.

"I have not been able to get around much for the last three or four years, but I'll be on hand ready to help when things start," Capt. La-Croix promised.

Still bright and cheerful despite his 89 years, and puffing a stump of a cigar which threatened to singe his bushy mustache, Mount Clemens' grand old man reminisced over stories of old comrades and battles which have mellowed and ripened with age.



CAPTAIN GILBERT LACROIX

The last of 132 original men who started the local G. A. R. post, and a veteran Great Lakes sailor, Captain LaCroix told of the passing, one by one, of all his former comrades. The last to leave was William F. Drake, who died in October, 1933. Just before him was John Gouley, who passed away in May of the same year.

For 14 years now Captain LaCroix has been commander of the H. D. Terry Post of the G. A. R. in his position as only surviving member of the organization, he also is keeper of the treasured annals which contain the history of the post and the war record of all the local Civil War veterans. Musty old volumes and yellowed clippings tell the story of the local participants in the "War of Rebellion," as their genial curator calls it, and a horde of medals, badges, and souvenirs speak of many other encampments—county, state, and national—which Captain LaCroix has attended.

Lingering yet over these memories, the veteran told of enlisting in Company C, the Fifth Michigan Infantry, when he was but 16 years of age—of service in the bloody Battle of the Wilderness through to the end of the war . . . of 105 men from his regiment alone being killed within an hour at Gettysburg . . . of witnessing the surrender of General Lee at Appomattox Court House.

Mount Clemens' last G. A. R. member now has a chance to entertain his former comrades right in his own city—perhaps the last chance to entertain many of them. He thrills again to the beat of drums and the bugles' blare—and many a memory will he "swap" with the comrades here for the encampment.

Again our thanks are due to the Boy and Girl Scouts who were ever present to give assistance and help to Comrades.

We, the Mayor and Commissioners of the City of Mount Clemens, wish to convey to you our deepest appreciation for selecting our city as your 1935 Convention City. We are proud of this signal honor, and know that we can speak for the entire community in bidding you a hearty welcome.

The good will and the hospitality of a grateful community are yours. We hope you will enjoy every minute of your stay with us and that when you leave you will carry away with you memories that will grow more tender and enduring as the years roll by.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 1935

Greetings were exchanged by the various organizations and at 9:00 p. m. a reception was held in the ball room of the Media Hotel, which had been beautifully decorated with flags, flowers and bunting, for the occasion.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 20

From early morning until late at night the day was filled with activities of the various orders. At 3:30 a flag was presented to the Girl Scouts by the Woman's Relief Corps; 8:00 p. m., the campfire and drill by the Junior Club; 10:00 o'clock the Military Ball.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 21, PARADE DAY

The parade was under the leadership of Major Van Antwerp, Detroit, Past Department Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The

Comrades of the Grand Army headed the parade in cars, but were later seated on the reviewing stand, where due honor was paid to them as the marching divisions passed. The parade was viewed by thousands.

### REGISTRATION

- Flossie Berry, Bertha Balsley, Myrabel Sperry, members of The Daughters of Union Veterans registered the following Comrades:

NAME	AGE
Burden, Theodore, Co. A. 15th Mich. Inft., Holly	88
Beaumont, J. F., Co. A. 3rd Mich. Cavl., Milford	91
Barney, Joe, Co. B. 5th Mich. Vol., Mt. Clemens	95
Carlton, S. H., Co. K. 28th Mich. Inft., Kalamazoo	90
Chappell, A. F., Co. E. 6th O. V. I., Detroit	90
Estabrook, A. C., Co. E. 28th Mich. Inft., Grand Rapids	89
Finch, John W., Co. F. 30th Mich. Inft., Greenville	88
Grant, Isaac, Co. I. 10th Mich. Cavl., Reed City	89
Howe, George W., Co. K. 29th Mich. Inft., Port Huron	91
Keeler, Frank D., Co. D. 16th Mich. Inft., Saginaw	94
Killeen, John, Co. E, 8th N. Y. Cavl., Portland	87
Lightcap, A. H., Co. I, 38th O. V. I., Jackson	91
LaCroix, Gilbert, Co. C. 5th Mich. Inft., Mt. Clemens	90
LeValley, O., Co. E. 23rd Mich. Inft., Caro	87
Mitchell, Ray, Co. I. S. S. Mich., Flint	91
Owen, Eugene, Co. I, 177th O. V. I., Grand Rapids	88
Plumadore, David, Co. D. 18th Mich. Inft., Detroit	88
Riley, J. P., Co. C. 20th Mich. Inft., Kalamazoo	87
Rogers, Edmund, Co. F. 24th Mich. Inft., Allegan	88
Stewart, Ira M., Co. K. 7th Ill. Cavl., Petoskey	90
Shars, Theodore, Co. E. 5th Mich. Inft., Lakeport	93
Wilcox, George W., Co. C. 8th Mich. Cavl., St. Louis	87
Warner, M. J., Co. H. 17th Ill. Cavl., Grand Rapids	90
Wood, N. R., Co. E. 196th O. V. I. & U. S. N., Benton Harbor	87
Webber, T. O., Co. F. 1st Wis. Cavl., Hastings	87

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

Lansing, Michigan, July 12th, 1934.

General Orders No. 1. Series of 1934-35.

I. The Fifty-Sixth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic was held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on June 13, 14, 15, 1934.

This Encampment was attended by Forty of the G. A. R. Comrades with an undimmed spirit of loyalty to the traditions and prestige of our time-honored order. An atmosphere of grace and brilliance came with the several ladies' auxiliaries, bringing gifts of flowers and loving greetings. Without them our assembly would have been incomplete.

My comrades, having chosen me as Department Commander for the ensuing year, I hereby assume the duties and responsibilities of the office with a firm determination to do my utmost to maintain its high standard of administration, its reverence of our Flag and the principles and objects of its existence. And to this end, I invoke the continued loyalty and cooperation of Comrades throughout the Department.

I feel a deep sense of grateful appreciation of the distinguished honor conferred upon me by my comrades.

Comrades, we must stand firmly together for the few years yet ours and maintain our identity as the Grand Army of the Republic to the last survivor thereof.

II. The following comrades were elected and installed:

Commander—Frank D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.  
 Sr. Vice Commander—Ira M. Stewart, Post No. 170, Petoskey.  
 Jr. Vice Commander—John W. Finch, Post No. 83, Greenville.  
 Medical Director—George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.  
 Chaplain—M. D. Richardson, Post No. 42, Lansing.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

Smith Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.  
 A. F. Chappelle, Post No. 17, Detroit.  
 J. F. Beaumont, Post No. 181, Milford.  
 Orestus Blake, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
 Edmond Rogers, Post No. 56, Allegan.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City. Delegate-at-Large.  
 George W. Wilcox, Post No. 91, St. Louis.  
 A. H. Lightcap, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
 J. F. Beaumont, Post No. 181, Milford.  
 M. J. Warner, Grand Rapids.  
 Theodore Borden, Holly.  
 Smith Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Edmond Rogers, Post No. 56, Allegan—Alternate-at-Large.  
 N. R. Wood, Post No. 14, Benton Harbor.  
 Wm. P. Parks, Lake Odessa.  
 J. A. Hamilton, Post No. 42, Lansing.  
 Earl Hoag, Post No. 137, Ann Arbor.  
 W. F. Graham, Post No. 48, Jackson.  
 T. O. Webber, Post No. 125, Hastings.

OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56.  
 Judge Advocate—John Killeen, Post No. 48.  
 Patriotic Instructor—Eugene Owen, Post No. 5.

Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451.  
 Sr. Aide—George W. Wilcox, Post No. 91.  
 Serg't Nat'l Colors—J. P. Riley, Post No. 79.  
 Serg't Dep't Colors—Martin Kelsey, Post No. 83.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Chairman—Smith H. Carlton, Post No. 79.  
 Orestus Blake, Post No. 48.  
 Ebernezer Childs, Post No. 395.

#### LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Howard C. Bond, Post No. 7.  
 Edwin S. Petit, Post No. 98.

#### SOLDIERS' HOME COMMITTEE.

J. E. Fulkerson, Grand Rapids.  
 Charles A. Green, Post No. 395.

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

IV. The 68th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Rochester, N. Y., August 12th-18th, 1934.

V. Michigan Headquarters will be established at Seneca Hotel, Monday, August 13th. Representatives and Comrades are invited to register and receive their Michigan Badge.

VI. A meeting of Delegates and those entitled to a seat in the Encampment will be held in Headquarters room Tuesday evening, August 14th at 7:30. National badges will be distributed at this time and important business transacted. All Representatives are urged to be present.

VII. Department Headquarters in Lansing will be closed from August 10th until August 20th.

#### RATES AND TRANSPORTATION.

VIII. The Sixty-eighth Encampment of G. A. R. at Rochester, N. Y., August 12-18, 1934.

The Michigan Central Railroad has been chosen as the official route from Michigan.

From Port Huron there is no train service to Detroit on Sunday.

From Flint there is no train service to Detroit on Sunday.

Aug. 12. Lv. Bay City	Mich. Cen. R. R.	11:55 AM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:10 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Saginaw	Mich. Cen. R. R.	12:21 PM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:10 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Grand Rapids	Mich. Cen. R. R.	11:25 AM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:15 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Kalamazoo	Mich. Cen. R. R.	12:12 PM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:15 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Battle Creek	Mich. Cen. R. R.	12:45 PM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:15 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Jackson	Mich. Cen. R. R.	1:45 PM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:15 PM ET
Aug. 12. Lv. Ann Arbor	Mich. Cen. R. R.	2:30 PM CT
Aug. 12. Ar. Detroit	Mich. Cen. R. R.	4:15 PM ET

Round trip fare Bay City to Rochester is \$14.00

Round trip fare from Saginaw to Rochester is \$13.54

From Lansing there is no train service to Detroit on Sunday

Round trip fare from Grand Rapids to Rochester is \$16.29

Round trip fare from Kalamazoo to Rochester is \$16.50

Round trip fare from Battle Creek to Rochester is \$15.68

Round trip fare from Jackson to Rochester is \$14.06

Round trip fare from Ann Arbor to Rochester is \$12.68

Aug. 12. A Deluxe coach will leave Detroit on Mich. Cen. train No. 44, at 4:28 PM ET, Sunday, Aug. 12th, arriving at Rochester at 11:33 PM ET.

Round trip fare from Detroit to Rochester is \$11.38

IX. Railroad rate is one fare for the round trip on identification certificate plan. Tickets on sale August 7th-15th. Final return limit October 1st, 1934. Certificates will be furnished on application to Department Headquarters, Capitol, Lansing, Box 433. Consult your local Ticket Agent for further information.

X. All requests for rooms and other information should be addressed to Mr. Carl Rumpff, Executive Secretary, 119 East Ave., Rochester, N. Y.

FRANK D. KEELER,

Department Commander.

Official:

A. C. Estabrook,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Saginaw, Michigan, November 15th, 1934.

General Orders No. 2 and 3. Series of 1934-35.

I. The Sixty-eighth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held at Rochester, N. Y., August 12th to 17th, 1934. The attendance at this gathering was large and enthusiastic, weather was fine, the hotel accommodations were ample and all service faultless. Head-

quarters were at the Seneca Hotel, both of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. Other kindred Orders were pleasantly entertained at nearby hotels.

II. The Sessions of the G. A. R. were held in the Eastman Theatre, Wednesday and Thursday. Comrade Alfred E. Stacy of Elbridge, N. Y., was elected Commander-in-Chief for the year 1934-35, and Grand Rapids, Michigan, was chosen as the place for holding the Encampment in 1935.

III. As required by Rules and Regulations, the annual election of Officers will be held at the first meeting in December. Report blanks for the year ending December 31st, 1934, are enclosed. Post Adjutant will fill out and return to the Assistant Adjutant General, A. C. Estabrook, G. A. R. Headquarters, Lansing, Michigan, box 433, with per capita tax of 10 cents per member, by January 31st, 1935. If officers hold over, blanks should be filled out the same as if new Officers were elected. Post Patriotic Instructors will send their reports to the Department Patriotic Instructor Eugene Owen, 1209 California St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

IV. The name of Ebenezer Childs, third member of the Executive Committee has been changed to J. F. Beaumont, Post No. 181 Milford. All official communications should be addressed to A. C. Estabrook, Assistant Adjutant-Quartermaster General, 4861 Buchanan Ave., Grand Rapids, Michigan.

V. Thanksgiving day, November 29th, this year has an unusual significance for Civil War survivors. Our lives have been spared far beyond the limit of the Divine Mandate, and our passing years are being thoughtfully and lovingly cared for by the Ladies of the several auxiliaries organized for that purpose.

The Grand Army of the Republic has maintained a prestige that is the envy of many social orders, and the popular expression of appreciation for what the Boys of 61-65 did is being extended to us as never before. So, I urge upon you to loyally observe this day.

By Command of  
F. D. KEELER, Commander,  
Department of Michigan G. A. R.  
426 N. Warren Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

Official:  
A. C. Estabrook,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, May 17th, 1935.

General Order No. 4. Series of 1934-1935.

I. The Fifty-Seventh Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held at Mt. Clemens, June 19, 20, 21, 1935, with Headquarters at the Media Hotel. The people of Mt. Clemens have been at great pains to prepare for the entertainment, with a view of openhearted hospitality and to insure their visitors

a happy time. Comrades should register early and receive badges. All Comrades of this Department who are in good standing in their Post, and are in possession of the present countersign, are entitled to a seat and a vote in this encampment.

II. The Council of Administration will meet in G. A. R. Headquarters room Wednesday, June 19 at 9 A. M. The Executive Committee will audit the accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and such other business will be transacted as deemed necessary.

III. The Encampment will hold its first session on Wednesday, June 19, at 2 o'clock P. M. Members are requested to gather promptly and give the countersign.

Comrade Isaac Grant, Chief of Staff, is requested to assemble the members in the session room and detail such assistance as may be required to properly conduct the business and maintain order and decorum while the delegates are engaged in the routine of the session.

The Council of Administration will meet at the close of the first session to consider and act on any subject that may be presented.

IV. The Committee on registration, consisting of the Daughters of Civil War Veterans, will be in session in the lobby of the Media Hotel on Wednesday A. M., June 19, where every Comrade in attendance must give his name, age, regiment and home address. This is especially important at this stage of our existence as the bone and sinew of the surviving remnant of this Department of the G. A. R.

#### V. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Smith H. Carlton.

J. S. Beaumont.

Theodore Borden.

Other Committees will be appointed at the Encampment.

#### HOTEL RATES.

	Rates per Day, single
VI. Media .....	\$2.50 and up
Colonia .....	4.00 and up, Am. plan
Clementine .....	1.50
Elkin .....	2.50
Grace .....	1.50
Murphy .....	2.00
John R. Murphy .....	2.00
St. Joseph Sanitarium .....	4.00 and up, Am. plan

Address Hotels for reservations.

Official programs will give complete information.

#### VII. MEMORIAL DAY.

THURSDAY, MAY 30TH.

This is the day set apart for the annual observance of "The SOLDIERS' SABBATH". The day of all the year upon which to pay a sacred tribute



to Comrades who have found their final resting place beneath soil forever secured by their sacrifices in '61 to '65.

It is the hope of the Commander that no sacred mound be overlooked on this day.

Chaplain's Blanks accompany these General Orders. Please fill out and forward to the Department Chaplain, M. D. Richardson, 1136 West Allegan St., Lansing.

#### VIII. IN MEMORIAM.

It is with profound gratitude to the GIVER OF ALL GOOD, that the Commander is able to announce that no deaths have occurred in the official family of this department during the past year. In view of our advanced ages this seems an unusual instance of Divine Clemency.

#### IX. THE WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

And kindred auxiliaries to the Grand Army of the Republic. The loyal devotion of these groups of gracious women, allied to our Civil War Veterans, challenges our admiration and merits our appreciation beyond our feeble words to express. We should extend to them our sincere acknowledgment of their innumerable acts of kindness that go so far to promote the comfort and cheer of our declining years.

Comrade Estabrook, Adjutant General has given time, skill and wide experience to the planning and maturing of arrangements for this year's meet, thus insuring, so far as possible, a successful anniversary.

X. The National Encampment will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., September 8 to 14, 1935.

By order of  
FRANK D. KEELER,  
Department Commander.

Official:

A. C. Estabrook,  
Assistant Adjutant General.



# In Memoriam

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

## MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1934

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
<b>John A. Logan Post No. 1, Grand Rapids</b>					
John Hodges.....	Private.....	B	10th Mich. Cavalry.....	Soldiers' Home.....	Mar. 13, 1934
Hiram McCreery.....	Private.....	L	8th Mich. Cavalry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Nov. 11, 1934
Clark Wyman.....	Private.....	L	5th Mich. Cavalry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Dec. 22, 1934
<b>C. J. Dickerson Post No. 6, Hillsdale</b>					
Frederick Wolf.....	Surgeon.....	G	27th Mich. Infantry.....	Hillsdale.....	Nov. 25, 1934
<b>Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon</b>					
John B. Ruggels.....	Private.....	B	2nd Conn. Infantry.....	Muskegon.....	July 25, 1934
<b>George H. Thomas Post No. 14, Benton Harbor</b>					
Uriah Wood.....	Private.....	I	17th Mich. Infantry.....	Benton Harbor.....	1934
<b>Fairbanks Post No. 17, Detroit</b>					
S. D. Bailey.....	Corporal.....	H	10th Mich. Cavalry.....	Detroit.....	July 22, 1934
Charles Moran.....	Private.....	I	1st Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Oct. 15, 1934
<b>William Perrott Post No. 22, Buchanan</b>					
John C. Dick.....	Private.....	C	9th Mich. Infantry.....	Buchanan.....	May 26, 1934
<b>Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek</b>					
George W. Marah.....	Private.....	K	N. Y. Engineering.....	Battle Creek.....	Dec. 8, 1934

**Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven**

Elias P. Griggs	Private	F	14th U. S. Infantry	South Haven	April 11, 1934
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**Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, Lansing**

William R. Holloway	Private	E	44th Indiana	Lansing	Feb. 26, 1934
Sam A. Phillips	Captain	E	3rd Mich. Infantry	Lansing	Aug. 29, 1934
Joseph R. Dunlap	Sergeant	F	145th Pennsylvania	Lansing	Dec. 28, 1934

**Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian**

Alonza C. Clark	1st Sergeant	A	12th Indiana Vol. Infantry	Adrian	May 17, 1934
George W. Riley	12th Lieutenant	B	18th Mich. Infantry	Adrian	July 7, 1934
Riley T. Butrick	Bugler	A	184th Ohio Vol. Infantry	Adrian	Dec. 23, 1934
	Private		178th New York Vol. Infantry		

**Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson**

W. Dowley	Private	D	89th New York Infantry	Jackson	Mar. 3, 1934
H. H. Larkin	Private	R	Merill Horse	Jackson	Mar. 14, 1934
Byron Pulver	Private	C	16th Mich. Infantry	Brighton	June 3, 1934
W. W. Hendricks	No record				July 10, 1931

**C. J. Bassett Post No. 56, Allegan**

George Eberhardt	Private	D	155th Indiana	Allegan	Mar. 10, 1934
Luzern Durand	Private	B	13th Mich. Infantry	Allegan	Mar. 24, 1934
Judson J. Bailey	Private	L	4th Mich. Cavalry	Allegan	July 12, 1934

**Colvin Post No. 59, Gobles**

Jacob S. Eastman	Private	B	9th Mich. Infantry	Gobles	May 12, 1934
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**Joseph R. Smith Post No. 76, Monroe**

Philip Marsh	Private	D	182nd Ohio	Monroe	Jan. 27, 1934
David Larabell	Private	A	11th Mich. Infantry	Monroe	July 7, 1934

## Orcutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
J. H. McCall.....	Private.....	E	89th Illinois Infantry.....	Kalamazoo.....	Sept. 20, 1934

## Wallace Post No. 95, Flat Rock

Charles Strewing.....	Private.....	.....	59th New York Regiment.....	Flat Rock.....	Mar. 3, 1934
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## William Sanborn Post No. 98, Port Huron

William Gilby.....	Drummer Boy.....	F	17th Mich. Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	May 12, 1934
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## Tim Lewis Post No. 107, Dimondale

John Hetrick.....	Private.....	C	72nd Ohio.....	Dimondale.....	Mar. 7, 1934
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## Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

E. D. Casebeer.....	Private.....	.....	13th Indiana Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Mar. 12, 1934
W. H. Wieand.....	Private.....	A	22nd Mich. Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Aug. 24, 1934

## William Moyer Post No. 152, Alma

Andrew Crooks.....	No record.....	.....	.....	Alma.....	April 20, 1934
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## Edward Dwight Post No. 163, Vermontville

Henry H. Brown.....	Private.....	A	185th New York V. I.....	Vermontville.....	Mar. 12, 1934
Dr. C. S. Snell.....	Private.....	H	58th Mass. V. I.....	Vermontville.....	Mar. 30, 1934
Joseph B. Stone.....	Private.....	.....	19th New York Light Artillery.....	Vermontville.....	April 21, 1934

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<b>Lombard Post No. 170, Potoskey</b>			
Samuel E. Grant.....	Private.....	I	26th Mich. Infantry.....
Melvin Burch.....	Private.....	M	7th Mich. Cavalry.....
			Levering.....
			Potoskey.....
			Spring 1934
			July 1, 1934
<b>E. R. Stiles Post No. 174, Hancock</b>			
James W. Wyckoff.....	Private.....	F	9th Mich. Infantry.....
			Hancock.....
			Oct. 14, 1934
<b>Wm. H. Borden Post No. 211, Ionia</b>			
George Rector.....	Private.....	E	Engineering and Mechanics.....
			Ionia.....
			Nov. 29, 1934
<b>Walter Clifford Post No. 235, Boyne City</b>			
John Newville.....	Private.....	G	1st New York Dragoons.....
			Boyne City.....
			Feb. 16, 1934
<b>Lonson Bryant Post No. 255, Mayville</b>			
Adam Minard.....	Private.....	C	10th Mich. Cavalry.....
			Mayville.....
			April 17, 1934
<b>Samuel Grinnell Post No. 283, Sunfield</b>			
James B. Peabody.....	Private.....		128th Ohio Vol. Infantry.....
			Sunfield.....
			Oct. 11, 1934
<b>Andrews Post No. 294, Big Rapids</b>			
Malory D. Ford.....	Private.....	F	92nd New York Infantry.....
William A. Northrup.....	Private.....	F	11th Mich. Cavalry.....
			Big Rapids.....
			Big Rapids.....
			Jan. 29, 1934
			Feb. 6, 1934
<b>S. D. Haight Post No. 348, Scottville</b>			
Calvin P. Stanton.....	Private.....	G	8th Mich. Cavalry.....
			Scottville.....
			Dec. 20, 1934

## Gen. Chas. Griffin Post No. 386, Farwell

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
John H. Wood.....	Private.....	A	6th Mich. Cavalry.....	Farwell.....	May 5, 1934
Daniel Gilman.....	Private.....	C	29th Mich. Infantry.....	Farwell.....	May 7, 1934

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

Ephriam E. Brown.....	Sergeant.....	C	64th New York Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Dec. 21, 1934
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## Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433, Detroit

Hiram K. Brooks.....	Private.....	K	Ohio Vol. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Feb. 1, 1934
John Wells.....	Private.....	E	16th Mich. Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Dec. 7, 1934

## Steele Bros. Post No. 441, Mason

Hiram Ellison.....	Private.....	B	U. S. S. S.....	Mason.....	Feb. 17, 1934
Robert Covert.....	Private.....	E	8th Mich. Infantry.....	Onondaga.....	June 6, 1934
George W. Hunt.....	Private.....	A	28th U. S. Infantry.....	Aurelius.....	Sept. 16, 1934
Samuel W. Bailey.....	Private.....	H	1st Mich. Eng.....	Leslie.....	Nov. 1, 1934

## J. M. Pond Post No. 460, Saugatuck

William G. Dunn.....	No record.....				Mar. 14, 1934
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## ENCAMPMENTS

## 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. James
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 Van Kleeck
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	Lucius 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
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