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of the REPUBLIC

HELD AT

BATTLE CREEK, JUNE 10-11-12, 1936

WITH ADDRESS

OF

IRA M. STEWART, *Department Commander*

AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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

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

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**Headquarters Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Lansing, 1936.**

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

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Fifty-eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic held in Battle Creek, June 10, 11 and 12, as required by the statutes.

**IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.**

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1935-1936

Department Commander—Ira M. Stewart Petoskey
 Department Sr. Vice Commander—Theodore Burden Flint
 Department Jr. Vice Commander—Edmond Rogers Allegan
 Department Chaplain—J. P. Riley (died in office) Kalamazoo
 Medical Director—George W. Howe (died in office) Port Huron
 Asst. Adj. and Q. M. General—S. H. Carlton Kalamazoo
 Judge Advocate—A. C. Estabrook Grand Rapids
 Patriotic Instructor—John W. Finch (died in office) Greenville
 Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant Reed City
 Senior Aide—David Plumadore Detroit
 Sergeant National Colors—A. F. Chappell Detroit
 Sergeant Department Colors—N. R. Wood South Haven

NATIONAL OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
1935-1936

Commander-in-Chief—Oley Nelson Slater, Iowa
 Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—A. C. Estabrook Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief—Dr. O. H. Mennet Los Angeles, Calif.
 Surgeon General—Dr. A. B. Garrett Gallipolis, Ohio
 Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. King Gibson Dayton, Ohio
 Adjutant General—John P. Risley Des Moines, Iowa
 Quartermaster General—Samuel P. Town Philadelphia, Pa.
 Judge Advocate General—James W. Willett Tama, Iowa
 Inspector General—James C. Thomas Chicago, Ill.
 National Patriotic Instructor—William F. Dorsey Washington, D. C.
 Assistant Adjutant General—Rustan O. Reed Seattle, Wash.
 Chief of Staff—Henry Held West Allis, Wis.
 Senior Aide-de-Camp—Edwin F. Brown Lincoln, Neb.



IRA M. STEWART
Department Commander
Petoskey, Michigan



HON. FRANK D. FITZGERALD
Governor of Michigan

WELCOME

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

The Grand Army of the Republic, in the passing of three-quarters of a century, has become a thin white line whose numbers speak with peculiar eloquence of that other Grand Army, three millions strong, whose heroic services saved the Republic. Since then other soldiers have defended with equal valor the honor and the integrity of our country on foreign soil. Affiliate organizations have very appropriately come into being whose purpose it is to minister to the interests of these veterans and keep alight the fires of patriotic obligations to whose fervency they so gloriously contributed. The influence of all of these, devoted to the preservation of American ideals, has never been more important than it is amid the shifting sands of the present time. It gives me great pleasure to express to you my grateful appreciation of your services and my most cordial greetings on the occasion of your Annual Encampment.

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
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1935-36

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Bigelow, deceased	Montague, 1878-9
No record for 1880 or 1881	
G. R. Wright, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
George L. Fisher, deceased	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer, deceased	1886
W. W. Cook, deceased	Lansing, 1887
True Hart, deceased	Midland, 1888
William H. Russell, deceased	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. 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, deceased	Port Huron, 1925-26
Willis W. Crocker, deceased	Jackson, 1926-27
William E. Walker, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1927-28
J. P. Riley, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1928-29
J. P. Riley, deceased	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
Theodore Burden	Holly, 1935-36

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, deceased	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, deceased	Greenville, 1933-34
John W. Finch, deceased	Greenville, 1934-35
Edmond Rogers	Allegan, 1935-36

ROSTER

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

January 1, 1936

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

Chartered December 9, 1887.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Melvin Shawl.

Members

Charles Waltz.
Albert VanVleet.
Peter Delmater.
David Almy.

Jordan Barr.
James F. Ives.
John G. Meyers.
Alexander Smith.

Charles Tuthill.

CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.

Chartered September 27, 1878.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Eugene Owen.

Members

John Krauskoph.

Martin J. Warner.

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

Chartered February 26, 1878.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, George A. Slayton.

Member

M. W. Chase.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

PHIL KEARNEY POST NO. 7, MUSKEGON.

Chartered July 31, 1879.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, Howard C. Bond.

Members

L. Costan.

N. Sicard.

JOHN A. DIX POST NO. 9, HESPERIA.

Chartered September 12, 1879.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, James McConnell.

WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.

Chartered October 16, 1879.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, George W. Francesco.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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

Chartered May 11, 1880.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, Fred F. Main.

Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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

Chartered May 24, 1880.

Membership 3.

Post Commander, C. B. Holmes.

Members

James Brant.

Fred VanCamp.

Cared for by V. F. W.

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.
Geo. H. Beamish.

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, Harrison Ashley.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

WILLIAM PERROTT POST NO. 22, BUCHANAN.

Chartered July 11, 1881.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, John Hanley.
Cared for by American Legion.

COL. FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.

Chartered August 19, 1881.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, I. H. Lawrence.

Member

Andrew Bly.

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 3.

Post Commander, G. W. Enslow.

Members

Ed Allen.

William Wilson.

FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.

Chartered November 31, 1881.

Membership 5.

Post Commander, J. W. Walker.

Members

Winfield Faith.
M. D. Strickland.

Chas. Stephens.
Joseph Kleindent.

ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.

Chartered November 30, 1881.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, J. F. Jones.

Members

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

Nelson R. Wood.
William W. Buys.
William H. Parker.

SAGINAW POST NO. 38, SAGINAW.

Chartered December 14, 1881.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, F. D. Keeler.

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

Chartered February 2, 1882.

Membership 7.

Post Commander, James A. Hamilton.

Members.

Geo. E. Osborn.
Geo. H. Saxton.
H. H. Larned.

M. D. Richardson.
James Kennedy.
Joseph Covert.

WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.

Chartered February 13, 1882.

Membership 9.

Post Commander, Cornelius VanEtten.

Members.

Thaddeus Austin.
Baker J. Cole.
Reuben Merriman.
Charles Van Ness.

Henry Chulip.
Charles E. Riker.
Grovenor Vanderpool.
J. H. Pangborn.

EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.

Chartered March 9, 1882.

Membership 10.

Post Commander, Orestus Blake.

Members.

Anson Croman.
W. F. Graham.
A. H. Lightcap.
Thomas H. Nichols.

W. L. Prine.
Lewis H. Brower.
John Killeen.
Wellington Moulton.

Jacob H. Prine.

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.
Amasa Jones.

Edward Rogers.
Willard Moore.

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

Chartered June 12, 1882.

Membership 2.

Post Commander, Martin Heath.

Member.

John Wilbur.

SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.

Chartered July 27, 1882.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, E. M. Holt.

JOSEPH R. SMITH POST NO. 76, MONROE.

Chartered September 12, 1882.

Membership 1.

Post Commander, G. E. Weston.

Cared for by the Woman's Relief Corps.

ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.

Chartered September 20, 1882.

Membership 4.

Post Commander, S. H. Carlton.

Members.

William Allen.

Chas. Filmore.

Lewis Sergeant.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

- COBBIN POST NO. 88, UNION CITY.**
Chartered October 17, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Samuel Ashmore.
Cared for by the Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WILLIAMS D. WILKINS POST NO. 91, ST. LOUIS.**
Chartered October 25, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Geo. Wilcox.
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- WALLACE POST NO. 98, FLAT ROCK.**
Chartered December 9, 1882. Membership 2.
Post Commander, Alber W. Wager.
Member
Charles Bryant.
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- WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**
Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 5.
Post Commander, Geo. W. Howe.
Members.
R. S. Mann. Byron Montrey.
Theo. Shars. Chas. Montrey.
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- TIM LEWIS POST NO. 107, DIMONDALE.**
Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Norman P. Bateman.
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- BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**
Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 7.
Post Commander, L. H. Daniels.
Members.
Henry Stall. Lewis Pierce.
Stuben Filkins. George Fetterly.
Jefferson Burns. 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.
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- WADDELL POST NO. 120, HOWELL.**
Chartered April 5, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, George H. Barnes.
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- FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS.**
Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Truman O. Webber.
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- WELCH POST NO. 137, ANN ARBOR.**
Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 3.
Post Commander, Earl A. Hoag.
Members.
LeRoy Park. Randall T. Valkenburg.
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- BEERS POST NO. 140, TECUMSEH.**
Chartered May 18, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander, Alva Spayde.
Member
John Dunn.
Cared for by the U. S. W. V.

WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.
 Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 4.
 Post Commander, Orianda LeValley.
 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 the Woman's Relief Corps.

GOV. CRAPO POST NO. 145, FLINT.
 Chartered June 7, 1883. Membership 5.
 Post Commander, Wray Mitchell.
 Members.

Corden Foot. Amanda Ruby.
 Theodore Burden. Gilbert Warren.

DICK RICHARDSON POST NO. 147, PONTIAC.
 Chartered June 11, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander, S. D. Bentley.
 Cared for by the Woman's Relief Corps.

CHAS. E. GRISSON POST NO. 156, ST. JOHNS.
 Chartered July 5, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander, George Stimson.
 Cared for by the Woman's Relief Corps.

HENRY F. WALLACE POST NO. 160, CORUNNA.
 Chartered July 12, 1883. Membership 2.
 Post Commander, Merritt S. Harding.
 Member
 Leroy Requa.
 Cared for by the Woman's Relief Corps.

LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.
 Chartered August 11, 1883. Membership 7.
 Post Commander, Ira M. Stewart.
 Members.

Silas Wright. E. A. Dunton.
 A. J. Ramsby. R. B. Teachout.
 C. E. Harris. Wm. J. P. Loper.

E. B. STILE POST NO. 174, HANCOCK.
 Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander, Frank Richard.
 Cared for by Daughters of Veterans.

CARPENTER POST NO. 180, YPSILANTI.
 Chartered August 30, 1883. Membership 1.
 Post Commander, A. D. Austin.
 Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.
 Chartered September 3, 1883. Membership 3.
 Post Commander, John F. Beaumont.
 Members.

James Taylor. George Sturtevant.

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

FRANK POWELL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.
Chartered September 27, 1883. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander, Samuel Adams.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

GEORGE C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.
Chartered October 5, 1883. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander, Nathan Green.
Cared for by Sons of Union Veterans.

L. C. WOODMAN POST NO. 196, LAWTON.
Chartered October 28, 1883. **Membership 1.**
Post Commander, Harvey Harper.

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

E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.
Chartered January 4, 1883. **Membership 3.**
Post Commander, Jacob Perrine.
Members.
Lewis Wiseloyal. James Harrington.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

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

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

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

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

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

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- DETROIT POST NO. 384, DETROIT.**
Chartered May 21, 1887. Membership 3.
Post Commander, J. L. Hinman.
Members.
A. E. Stewart. J. S. Conant.
- GEN. CHAS. GRIFFIN POST NO. 386, FARWELL.**
Chartered May 21, 1887. Membership 1.
Post Commander, S. H. Frye.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- AMASA B. WATSON POST NO. 395, GRAND RAPIDS.**
Chartered November 15, 1888. Membership 2.
Post Commander, Ebenezer Childs.
Member
Charles Green.
- CHAS. A. PRICE POST NO. 405, 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 6.
Post Commander John Hains.
Members.
Joseph Craver. Milton Slater.
William Peabody. James McBride.
James J. Atkinson.
- STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**
Chartered December 31, 1897. Membership 9.
Post Commander, Henry B. Appleton.
Members.
Robert Lyon. Thomas Wright.
Isaac Morris. Robert Lee.
Holden Albro. J. C. Johnson.
Obadiah Smith. Dennis McGonegal.
- GEN. I. C. SMITH POST NO. 451, REED CITY.**
Chartered April 28, 1900. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Isaac Grant.
- JOHN HUNTER POST NO. 455, MONTROSE.**
Chartered November 1, 1900. Membership 1.
Post Commander, William C. Bouck.
- J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.**
Chartered February 9, 1903. Membership 1.
Post Commander, Joshua J. Brown.

PROCEEDINGS
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THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 1936
PARLOR OF THE POST TAVERN
BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN.

The fifty-eighth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order by Commander Ira M. Stewart, who extended greetings to the Comrades and declared the meeting opened. The following officers were then appointed to serve during the session:

Officer of the Day—Eugene Owen
Officer of the Guard—Martin J. Warner
Chaplain—Orestus Blake

Commander Stewart: Will the Chaplain please open the meeting by invoking 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.

Commander Stewart: The Assistant Adjutant General will call the roll.

Comrade Carlton called the roll and the following officers responded:

Commander—Ira M. Stewart.

Sr. Vice Commander—Theodore Burden.

Acting Chaplain—Orestus Blake.

Judge Advocate—A. C. Estabrook.

Acting Patriotic Instructor—Frank D. Keeler.

Sergeant National Colors—A. F. Chappelle.

Sergeant Department Colors—N. R. Wood.

Roll call of Posts was dispensed with.

At the request of the Department Commander his report was read by Comrade Estabrook.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER'S ANNUAL REPORT

June 10th, 1936.

My dear Comrades:

The time has arrived for me, as your Department Commander, to render to you an account of my stewardship.

First—may I express to you my very deep appreciation of the honor you bestowed upon me when you made me your official head. I need not tell you that your expression of confidence in me was the highest compliment that has ever been paid to me. And I have endeavored, in every way, to prove worthy of the trust that you placed in me. It is impossible, for me, to contemplate the laying down of the reins of leadership in this Department without a sincere feeling of regret that my term of office has come to an end. To work for our beloved Grand Army of the Republic, to serve you, my Comrades, to the best of my ability, to have identified with me, during this administration, the splendid group of Department officers, to have known so many of you and to have enjoyed your Comradeship, as only the G. A. R. know it, has been indeed a pleasure.

Unlike the younger veteran organizations we have had no financial worries as an organization. The report of the Adjutant and Quartermaster General will show, in detail, how small our worries have been. All we need to do, in the few remaining years left us, is to conserve our slender resources and to use caution in all our expenditures.

As your Department Commander I have traveled about 3,000 miles on official business during the year. There were many invitations which I received which I would have gladly accepted had it not been for the expense that they would have placed upon our finances. I attended the National Encampment held in Grand Rapids and marched in the parade. I visited our Departmental Headquarters twice during the year. I was the guest of the 12th District W. R. C., at Charlevoix, during the month of September. I made the annual Department Commander's visit to the Michigan Soldiers Home at Grand Rapids and enjoyed meeting the Comrades there. The Jackson Post graciously entertained me, in that city, on two different occasions. On another date I was the honored guest of the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, also of Jackson. I

presided, as Chairman, at the Allied Veterans meeting during the month of February in Battle Creek.

It is with sincere regret that I must report three deaths amongst the official Department family this past year:

J. P. Riley Department Chaplain.
John W. Finch Patriotic Instructor.
George W. Howe Medical Director.

I wish to acknowledge the assistance which I have received from Past Department Commanders Estabrook, Keeler and Blake. I have never hesitated to call on them to draw from their rich experiences as to the workings of the Department, that advice which at times I have needed.

Mrs. Ida F. Davidson has done everything possible to make this year a pleasure to me personally and a successful one for us all.

I wish to express also my thanks for the interest which has been shown in our affairs by all the organizations which are allied with us.

May I thank all of you, my Comrades, throughout this our glorious Michigan, for your loyal cooperation and may I ever remain

Your Obedient Servant,
IRA M. STEWART,
Dept. Commander.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, I move that a committee be appointed on the Commander's report. Motion seconded and carried.

Commander Stewart: I appoint Comrade Keeler, Comrade Blake, Comrade Killeen, Comrade Lightcap. This committee will please report at the subsequent meeting on the day following this.

Comrade Owen: The Mayor's representative is waiting to welcome us.

Commander Stewart: Admit him.

City Attorney Walter North, Jr., is then admitted:

City Attorney North: Gentlemen of the G. A. R. and friends—I am here on behalf of Mayor J. W. Murphy, Jr., to welcome you to our city. My official connection with the City of Battle Creek is that of City Attorney and as such I help the Mayor out with some of his legal problems but seldom with such obligations as this. However, I promised the Mayor I would do my best in giving you a heartfelt welcome, inasmuch as he is out of town. I am not going to do much bragging about Battle Creek as you may have already heard enough of that. But I do want to say that we are very glad to have you come here for your encampment and we hope your stay here will be so pleasant that you will want to come again. We want you to feel that we of Battle Creek are at your disposal. I thank you.

Badge presented to Mr. North by the Officer of the Day.

Mr. North is then escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Comrade Owen: A committee with greetings is at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Comrade Owen: I have the honor to introduce the Daughters of the G. A. R., Mrs. Estelle LaDow and Mrs. Carrie Boggs.

Commander Stewart: We are very happy to welcome you ladies.

Mrs. LaDow: Department Commander it is with great pleasure and pride that we represent the Daughters of the G. A. R. We come to you with Greetings. It is with a heart full of love and appreciation that we tender these flowers. We indeed wish for you a very successful Encampment. We wish you all the joys that could possibly be yours during your stay and in years to come. Thank you.

Mrs. Boggs: Department Commander, officers, and members of the Department of Michigan: I have had this pleasure of greeting you when you were here in Battle Creek before—in 1917. At that time the lobby of this hotel was filled with the Boys in Blue. Your numbers are many less but you are still carrying on with your grand patriotism. We, the Daughters of the G. A. R., are doing our best in carrying on your name and the work that you have done down through the ages. We, the children of the G. A. R., tell our children of the wonderful feats you have accomplished. We would also like to ask your aid in keeping the monument that was erected in Detroit to the State of Michigan where it now stands, and where it belongs. We have sent out 300 letters to Veterans' organizations and Ladies' organizations, trying to do all possible to keep this monument in its present place in Detroit. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. My father was a G. A. R. Veteran in Detroit and I am sure he would commend me in this work. I thank you.

Mrs. Ladow presents Commander Stewart with a badge from the Daughters of the G. A. R. with a word of welcome. Badges were presented.

The Daughters of the G. A. R. are then shown to the door by the Officer of the Day.

The Report of the Senior Vice Commander is read by the Assistant Adjutant.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Commander Stewart one year ago I was elected by my comrades in the department to the office of Senior Vice Commander. I accepted the trust and pledged you upon my honor to give you the best service of which I was capable. Now at the close of my term I come to you to give an account of my Stewardship, and if my services should meet with your approval I shall feel amply repaid for my ever efforts to serve you. I attended an Anniversary Dinner at Flint, Mich., given by the W. R. C., with the different departments of officers. I attended the funeral of Comrade Thomas Warren, Comrade George Raab, and the funeral of Gilbert Warren, and the funeral of Commander Ray Mitchell. All of Flint, Michigan. I also attended the funeral of Comrade Robert Hardy,

and Comrade Andy Austin, who were at one time members of Holly Post. I attended all post meetings at Flint, Michigan, and also visited at Pontiac and Milford. Attended the funeral of a Comrade at Durand. also visited at Petoskey and I also attended the Memorial Services at Flint, Michigan, on Memorial Sunday. I owe a deep debt of gratitude for the hearty cooperation at all times of the W. R. C.

I believe that is all, and I thank you.

THEODORE BURDEN,
Department Senior Vice Commander.

Moved by Comrade Owen and seconded by Comrade Estabrook that the report be accepted without reservation. Carried.

Comrade Owen: (Officer of the Day) We have some gentlemen at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Colonel Schwartz, Chaplain of the Soldiers' Home and Colonel Davis, Commandant at the Soldiers Home are presented by the Officer of the Day.

Colonel Davis: Comrades of the Civil War, there is nothing that gives me so much pleasure as meeting you boys again. I have been interested in Veterans of various wars for many years and my first heartbeats are for the Civil War Veterans. It seems but a few years—I might even say a few days ago that I remember of you Comrades getting around the same as the World War Veterans are today. I will say that there are a few of you left yet who feel young and raring to go. More power to you! I helped you organize the S. W. V. organization at Bay City and it was my pleasure at that time to visit the G. A. R. Camp. I have since passed information and advice on to the Veterans of our last war. It is a distinct disappointment to me that I cannot have Mr. Rogers, of Allegan, here with us. He is 90 years of age and unable to attend. It comes to me how soon the years roll by. It will seem just a little while when they will be saying the same things about the boys of the last war. We have some of your Comrades at our Soldiers' Home, and I trust that all of you who can will come and pay us a visit.

Chaplain Schwartz: Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R., it gives me a great deal of pleasure to be with you this afternoon. It takes me back to my boyhood days—it seemed that I couldn't wait until I was old enough to become a soldier myself. In 1898 it was my good fortune to be able to respond to the call of my country. I appreciate the opportunity of greeting you, the Boys in Blue, this afternoon and would like to submit Comrade Rogers' regrets that he could not be with you at this Convention. He is ill at the present time. We, at the Soldiers' Home, wish to do everything possible to make your remaining years easy and happy ones. We shall always remember and appreciate and honor the great service that you have rendered to your country and to us and we pray that the Almighty may look upon you with mercy, and give you the best of health it is possible for you to have. Again permit me

to say that I am very happy to be with you again and hope to be able to call upon you at many future Encampments. I thank you.

The Colonel and Commandant were presented with badges by the Officer of the Day and escorted to the door by him.

Comrade Owen: Ladies are waiting to be admitted.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Comrade Owen: Allow me to present a delegation from the Daughters of the Union Veterans, Florence Dickerson, Mina Johnson, Rose Beers.

Commander Stewart: Welcome.

Mrs. Dickerson: Department Commander and Comrades: Our Department sent us to wish you a successful meeting here, and a pleasant one. We hope to see you at our Convention. On behalf of our Organization I am pleased to present you with this little token. Thank you.

Commander Stewart: I thank you. Please convey our greetings to your Organization.

Mrs. Mina Johnson: Mrs. Davidson, because of the wonderful interest you have taken in our Daddies and in behalf of them, as well as ourselves, we, the Daughters of the Union Veterans, wish to present you with this little gift and to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your fine work.

Mrs. Davidson: I have been glad to work with and for your Daddies, and will do all in my power to assist them in the future. Thank you for this honor you have conferred upon me.

Badges presented to Mrs. Dickerson, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Beers.

Commander Stewart: Ladies, I thank you. Officer of the Day, kindly escort the ladies out.

Commander Stewart: We will now proceed with the business of the day. Will the Asst. Adjutant please give his report?

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

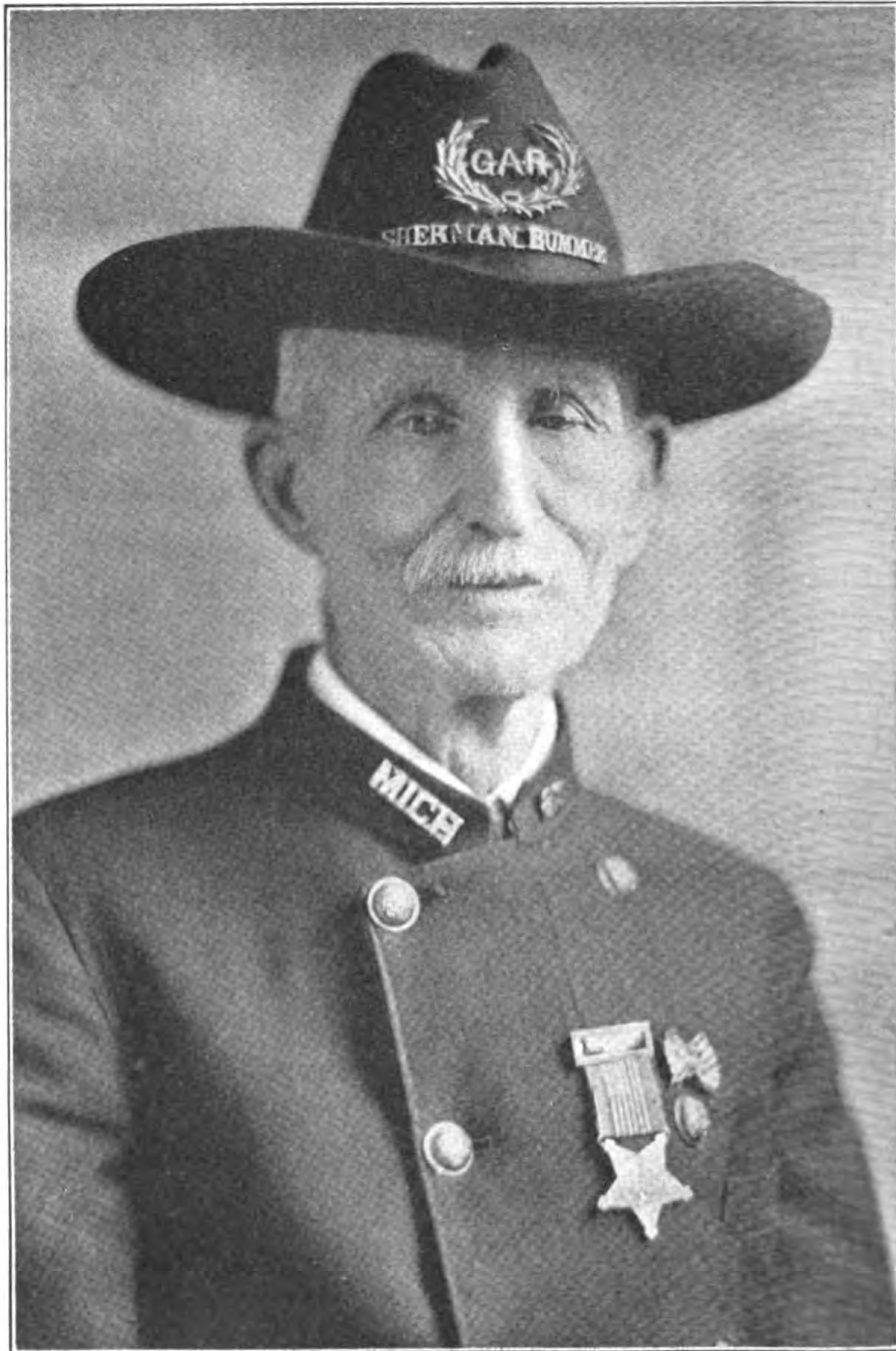
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Kalamazoo, Michigan, June 1st, 1936.

To Ira M. Stewart, Department Commander.

In accordance with Rules and Regulations I herewith submit my report for the year ending June 1st, 1936.

Number of Posts in good standing June 1st, 1935..... 68



S. H. CARLTON
Assistant Adjutant General

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By surrender of Charter	3
Leaving	65

GAINS DURING THE YEAR

By re-instatement of Post	1
Number of Posts in good standing June 1st, 1936	66

MEMBERSHIP

Number of members in good standing June 1st, 1935	244
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GAINS DURING THE YEAR

By re-instatement	3	
By Transfer	6	9
Total		253

LOSSES DURING THE YEAR

By Death	55
Number of members in good standing June 1st, 1936	198

RECEIPTS

Amount on hand June 1st, 1935	\$2,712.08
Interest from Savings and Loan Company	\$66.00
Per capita tax on 198 members	19.80
	85.80
	<u>\$2,797.88</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Postage, money orders and cards	\$31.52	
Traveling expenses Com. Keeler to Mt. Clemens	10.80	
Traveling expenses Com. Estabrook to Mt. Clemens	6.50	
Traveling expenses Ida Davidson to Mt. Clemens	3.00	
Traveling expenses Commander Stewart	94.04	
Traveling expenses Adj. Carlton	4.60	
Lansing Nat'l Bank, Personal service	1.50	
Adjutant General Town, D. C. Badge .....	.95	
Repairing Flag case	2.00	
Rent for P. O. box No. 433	6.00	
Express	2.25	
Ida Davidson two trips to Battle Creek	3.00	
Bond for Assistant Adjutant General	5.00	
Per capita tax to National	3.68	174.84
		<u>174.84</u>
Balance on hand June 1st, 1936	\$2,623.04	

In Standard & Loan Co.....	\$1,200.00
Capital Nat'l Bank	273.03
Cash on hand	150.01
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	\$2,623.04

Bills amounting to \$1,080.00 have been paid from appropriation.

Commander Stewart.

In conclusion I wish to say, my associations with you and our Official Family have been most pleasant and harmonious, I thank you and our Allied Organizations for all the kind courtesies which have been extended to me.

To our faithful Department Secretary, Ida F. Davidson, I am deeply grateful for the efficient manner in which she has transacted the business of this Department during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted in F. C. L.,
S. H. CARLTON,

Assistant Adjutant & Quartermaster General.

Commander Stewart: Are there any changes in this report?

Comrade Estabrook: I move that this report be referred to the Executive Committee at tomorrow morning's session.

Commander Stewart: All in favor of this motion make manifest by raising right hand.

Carried.

Comrade Carlton: (Asst. Adjutant) Comrade A. F. Lightcap will be the committee in charge of this report, assisted by Comrade Blake and Comrade Killeen.

Comrade Stewart: We will now hear from Comrade Keeler, Patriotic Instructor.

Comrade Keeler: Department Commander and Comrades—I was appointed as Patriotic Instructor for the unexpired term of Comrade Finch during the season between January 1st and the present time. The Secretary forwarded to me a package containing eleven reports. I went through them and made a report which I intended to bring with me but which I forgot and left at home. However, the Post reports did not amount to much. There was not one of them that gave me information that would be of value at this Encampment. There was not a name nor date nor locality to tell me where these reports came from. Nor were the reports signed. So this is the only report that I am able to make.

This report was voted on and accepted.

Commander Stewart: We will now have the Chaplain's report.

Chaplain Blake: I am in much the same plight as Comrade Keeler. I was appointed Chaplain of this Department on the death of Comrade Riley. I have received reports from eight posts in the State but hardly

any information from any of them. Many reports are signed by someone acting for the posts but there is no information contained. I have a report to make to the Chaplain Chief. I have embodied all the figures I could get from these eight posts and have the figures here that I have received from all over this Department and will submit it to you. We were invited to visit the School at Jackson. I had represented at that meeting seven organizations. We had a magnificent meeting there but it did not mean much in our report and I am sorry.

Comrade Chappelle: I move that this report of the Chaplain be accepted and placed on file. Seconded.

Commander Stewart: All in favor make manifest by raising right hand.

Motion carried.



COMRADE J. P. RILEY
Department Chaplain
Died in Office

Comrade Owen: There is a delegation at the door.

Commander Stewart: Officer of the Guard Warner, admit them.

Officer of the Day: May I present the ladies of the Auxiliary of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Mrs. Stella Palmer, Edith Helwick, Pearl Clough.

Mrs. Palmer: Comrades, again we come to greet you at your Annual Convention. I think this has been my third successive year to visit you.

I think I would like to join the G. A. R. and be one of your members, as I would enjoy being with you all the time. We extend, from the Organization, our greetings and wish you all success. We hope you will all be able to attend next year. Thank you.

Badge presented.

Mrs. Clough: Commander and Comrades: I came here because I wanted to see you. I wish you the best of luck and hope you are all enjoying the Convention.

Badge presented.

Commander Stewart: Ladies, we thank you.

The Ladies are shown out by the Officer of the Day.

Commander Stewart: I have here a communication regarding the moving of the Soldiers' Monument in Detroit.

This communication was tabled and no action taken regarding it.

Comrade Killeen: Comrade Keeler has a report to make from the Soldiers' Home Committee.

Comrade Keeler: In regard to the report on the Soldiers' Home Committee, on which I acted with Comrade Killeen, I can only plead my weakness again. I tried to arrange for a visit to the Home with Comrade Killeen, but failed to do it. It is really only by chance that I am here today. We did visit the home and there are, or were, six G. A. R. Comrades there. Three were in bed. As far as we could see they were being well cared for. This is a boon to the Veterans who find it necessary to be taken care of in their last years and I commend the wisdom of the Legislature in establishing that institution. So long as there are Veterans who fight for our country the country needs these institutions. We could find where we could do nothing to improve conditions there.

Comrade Killeen: The Major took us and showed us all that was to be seen there. He was very nice to us. We found everything in good order and he showed us the improvements he had made in the library, and the advantages for those who could make use of it. Everything seemed to be fine there.

Comrade Warner: One of the boys have died since you were there, leaving five, four in the hospital and one out.

Moved and seconded that this report be accepted without reservation. Carried.

Commander Stewart: I now declare a few minutes' recess.

Meeting again called to order by the Commander, and Delegates from the Women's Relief Corp. were admitted. Leah Simpson, Department President, and Past Department Presidents.

Mrs. Leah Simpson, Department President of the W. R. C.: Commander, Department of Michigan, Officers and Comrades. We are very glad to come here today. We did not know how many we would find and

seeing this many fills our heart with gladness. We bring to you just a short report of the work of your Auxiliary.

REPORT TO GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Ira M. Stewart
Department Commander—

As Department President I am pleased to submit to you and Comrades a report of work accomplished during past year by your Auxiliary.

Number of Corps June 1, 1935.....	118
Number of Corps instituted.....	2
Number of Corps disbanded.....	1
Number of Corps June 1, 1936.....	119
Cash received from former Treasurer.....	\$ 390.05
Cash expended by Corps for Relief.....	494.90
Relief—other than money.....	2,826.67
Cash expended for flowers.....	1,100.02
Cash expended for Child Welfare.....	169.89
Cash expended by Department Relief.....	25.00
Amount sent to non-pensioned Civil War Widows at Soldiers' Home by Department.....	105.00
Number Grand Army Veterans Assisted.....	149
Number Grand Army Families Assisted.....	482
Number others not relatives assisted.....	2,444
Number Army Nurses Assisted.....	44
Total Number Persons Assisted.....	4,088
Number members March 31, 1935.....	5,729
Number members March 31, 1936.....	5,895

We are happy to report the institution of two new Corps and two Junior Clubs—with others organizing—in this way we renew our pledge of loyalty to our Grand Army of the Republic.

Submitted in F. C. and L.,
LEAH M. SIMPSON,
Department President.

Leah Simpson presents Past Dept. Presidents. We could not all be present but we seven are glad to be with you today. I will present the Past Presidents in their order of service.

Past Dept. President, Evelyn Creusere: In some cases Comrades, we do not mind being called the "oldest one". I was Department President 27 years ago. I am more than happy today to see so many of you Comrades present. It is a pleasant surprise. I had not expected to see so many. I hope that you are holding on the same as I am. We will meet later on the other side. I can only say that we are so glad to have you among us today. Thank you.

Ella Rice: Commander and Comrades—it was 14 years ago that I served as Department President. I was living in Leslie and not long after I was installed in office the District Convention was held and I trembled when I learned that Past President Evelyn Creusere would attend. However, I found she was not at all as formidable as I had feared. I have always kept in close touch with the G. A. R. My father served. I am always more than willing to do anything I can for the

G. A. R. and it has been a pleasure to come over here and be with you today. Thank you.

Mrs. Goss: Comrades, I served in Vermont in 1922 and 1923. I have been adopted into the State of Michigan and I am proud to be a "Michigander." To me it seems that it is to the "Boys in Blue" that the honors should go. My mother was very much interested in the Relief Corps and I was virtually dragged into it and have loved it always. I am so glad to see so many of you here. I thank you.

Elizabeth Stevens: They say whisky and wine is better with age, and so are our soldiers. We are glad so many of our G. A. R. Comrades are so well and able to get around. I hope that you will all be with us next year when we meet, and we too. Thank you.



ELIZABETH COLLIAN
Department Secretary



LEAH SIMPSON
Department President

Minnie M. Chadderdon: Commander and Comrades, I am indeed glad to see you here today—glad to see so many of our "Boys in Blue" with us. I am glad I am a sister of a Veteran. My mother, too, belongs to the Woman's Relief Corps. We bring you the greetings of our greater organization and are hoping to have you with us for a long time to come. Thank you.

Mrs. Julia Allen: I am one of the Juniors. I served as Department President three years ago. I am so glad to see my running mate here today—Comrade Blake, as well as all the other Comrades present. My father was a Civil War Veteran and I have had two Civil War husbands. I will continue to keep up my work in the G. A. R. Thank you.

Isabel Thomas: Comrades, I am happy today because my Commander is here, Comrade Keeler. We had a pleasant year last year. I hope you will all be here next year. We hope to be too.

Leah Simpson—Commander, I want to call on one of our Past Department Presidents whom we all know and love for her loyal services to the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps, Ida Davidson.

Ida Davidson: I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve you. Thank you.

Leah Simpson: Commander Stewart and Comrades. It is time for our Annual Joint Memorial Services and we desire to have all the Comrades accompany us to the Baptist Church where our meetings are being held.

Flowers were presented by Department President Leah Simpson and badges were presented by Commander Stewart to the ladies.

It was moved by Comrade Estabrook and seconded by Comrade Carlton that the meeting now in session be adjourned until the morning session, to be called to order at 9:00 o'clock. Carried.

Comrades attended the Memorial services.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The platform was a bower of roses and the white fence was arranged to represent the gates of Heaven ajar. An atmosphere of solemnity and reverence prevailed, which was indicative of the thoughts of those who were to pay tribute to the loved ones who have passed on during the year.

Ella J. Ramsdell: "I understand that our Department President and other officers are on their way back, so please come to order. Color Bearers, ready; everybody in his place. Conductors, Color Bearers, retire. Bring in the Department President, past Department Presidents and Comrades."

The Comrades, with the Department President and past Department Presidents, slowly marched in while the musicians played "Home of the Soul." The Comrades were seated on the platform.

Leah Simpson: "Members of this 53rd Annual Convention, the hour that thrills us most, the time that brings to us the greatest inspiration, is with us. The Grand Army of the Republic, the greatest inspiration for the Woman's Relief Corps is with us now. The Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have left their Convention and come to us. It is a memorable occasion. Perhaps not the happiest occasion, but deep in our hearts there is a great happiness though we are gathered because of the Memorial. Convention, I know, even before this Memorial, you wish with me to greet the Grand Army of the Republic with the salute of our Convention. Convention, join with me!

It is the hour of the annual Memorial. I will turn the meeting over to our Department Chaplain, Dora Minard."

Prayer by Lucenia Stevenson—Corps No. 272: Our most gracious Heavenly Father, our eyes are almost dimmed with unshed tears, but, dear Jesus, when we look into the past of these Comrades, we feel that we want to pay them tribute first. Heavenly Father, we ask that you let Thy choicest blessings rest on these, our Comrades. Keep them ever true, because as we stand here by this open gateway, it reminds us of the hereafter. We also ask that, this afternoon, dear Jesus, You just remember those that mourn today, remember those that have lost their loved ones within the last year, and Heavenly Father, this afternoon we know that Thou art in our midst, and so though this be the Memorial of the dead, we would say we know that they are not dead, just gone away, just asleep under the shadow of Thy wing. We ask that you take this Convention under Thy Guidance, and direct each one and guide our memories, this day, the day that awakens our memories of the past. Help us to so build that when we too have passed over on the other side, our memory will still live in the hearts of men, and One that knew us best. Now, dear Lord, we leave this meeting in Thy care. We ask it in Thy Father's Name, Amen."

TRIBUTE TO DEPARTED COMRADES—GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Another year has brought us to this sacred hour in which we pay loving tribute to those of our Grand Army who have answered the last call—During the past year they have gone from us in appalling numbers—so—let us today as never before, be mindful of all they have done for our country and Flag, and cherish the memory of these heroes as we carry on through the coming years. Let us guard well the principles they upheld and the heritage that is ours today.

"We pause in silence a moment
As we come from near and far
To pay a loving tribute
To those have crossed the bar."

In fondest memory I place these lillies.

ELLA M. RICE,
Past Dept. President.

TRIBUTE TO COMRADE J. P. RILEY

Comrade Riley was born in Ohio, he enlisted in Company C. 20th Michigan Infantry.

In 1927 he was elected Dept. Jr. Vice Commander, and in 1928 he was elected Dept. Sr. Vice Commander, this office he served until 1930. He was elected Dept. Chaplain, and held that office at the time of his death. He was Commander of Orcutt Post No. 79 of Kalamazoo for five years.

Comrade Riley was well known throughout the Dept. of Michigan, and to many of us, as we remember, he was the one who sang this song many times to us, (Who will tell the story, when the boys in blue are gone)."

Comrade Riley passed away in Kalamazoo, Oct. 6th, 1935.

“Rest Comrade, rest and sleep:
The thought of men shall be
A sentinel to keep
Your rest from dangers free.

“Your silent tents of green
We deck with fragrant flowers,
Yours, has the suffering been,
The memory shall be ours.

I place these flowers in fond memory of Comrade J. P. Riley, Dept.
Chaplain of Michigan.

Given by Past Department President,

JULIA ALLEN.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN W. FINCH

Word of the sudden passing in New Port Richey, Florida, of Comrade
Finch, Department Patriotic Instructor, brought sorrow to a host of
friends in his home town and in our Department.

He had thought to enjoy the winter in Florida but God willed other-
wise and on November 29, 1935, the summons came and Comrade Finch
joined his Comrades on that other shore.

In his passing the Woman's Relief Corps lost a true friend.

One by one our Comrades are passing
To that Heavenly Home above
We saw not the lifted curtain
Nor the beckoning hand of love,
But we know the portals opened
And some day, we shall understand.

In memory of Comrade John W. Finch these flowers are placed.

Given by Past Department President,

MINNIE VAN TUYL.

Song—Hold Thou My Hand..... Mr. Cretzner

MEMORIAL TO GEORGE W. HOWE, BY ELIZABETH STEPHENS

George Wadsworth Howe—age 92 years and eleven days was mustered
out of the fast thinning ranks of the Civil War Veterans on February 16,
1936. Mr. Howe was prominent throughout the nation for his Patriotism
and enthusiastic participation of activities of the Grand Army of the
Republic. In his younger years he had been a teacher in schools, a printer
of note and for many years until his recent retirement had been in the
City Tax Office. He was distantly related to Julia Ward Howe who gave

us that beautiful song "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Three days before he was stricken by the fatal illness, he attended the public opening of the G. A. R. memorial room in the Public Library at his home city. In accordance with an agreement made many years ago, Capt. Gilbert LaCroix, 90 years of age, only Civil War Veteran of Mt. Clemens attended the services of Mr. Howe. Mr. Howe and Capt. LaCroix agreed that the one who survived would attend the services of the one who died first and conduct the G. A. R. ritual, but Capt. LaCroix was unable to do so because of failing eyesight, so the members of Wm. Sanborn Woman's Relief Corps, performed the G. A. R. service.

A grand old man, a good Christian, was born 92 years ago, on the southwest bank of St. Clair and Black Rivers, Port Huron. He lived an honorable life and has gone home.

TRIBUTE TO PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

"They are not dead, they're just away—their spirits linger with us."

ISABEL THOMAS,
Past Dept. President.

(A Junior placed flowers on the altar in memory of Past National Officers.)

Tribute was paid to Army Nurses by Idella MacNeal.

"Hold Thou My Hand" was sung by the soloist, Mr. Cretzner.

TRIBUTE TO PAST DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

There is no death, the stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forever more.
And ever near us, though unseen
The dear immortals' spirits tread
For all the boundless universe
Is life, there is no death.

In memory of our Past Department Officers I place these flowers on the altar.

ANNA McMANUS.

A TRIBUTE OF LOVE AND REVERENCE TO OUR ARMY NURSES

They are not dead, these ones we held so dear. They have just gone on to await us over there. Our hearts are filled with gratitude that we are permitted to pay our tribute of love and devotion to those whose hands administered to our loved ones on battle field and hospitals with such devotion and care, when those who loved them were far away.—May their example of loyalty—to our Country and our Comrades be an incentive to carry on the memory of those gone home.

"Seeds of good they scattered
 All along life's dreary way,
 But a glad tomorrow
 Awaits them at their harvest day
 They throng the silence of the heart
 We see them as of yore
 The kind, the true, the brave, the sweet
 Who walk with us no more.

In loving memory of our Army Nurses, I place these flowers.
 IDELLA MACNEAL.

TRIBUTE TO CARRIE E. TORREY, PAST DEPT. PRESIDENT

July 24, 1935, our friend, Carrie E. Torrey was called Home. For 43 years she served the Woman's Relief Corps faithfully and well. In 1915 was elected Department President: she also served the National as Instituting and Installing officer and on many Committees.

We sadly miss her wise counsel and cheery presence, today. We know she has earned many stars in her crown.

Beautiful twilight at set of sun
 Beautiful goal, with race well run
 Beautiful rest with work well done

In love we place these flowers.

EVELYN PARKER.

TRIBUTE TO STELLA L. PARKER

Past Treasurer of the Department of Michigan Women's Relief Corps.

Stella L. Parker was the daughter of James Ball and Marcia Lovell Phillips whose antecedents came to this country from England in 1650. She was born in Harpersfield, Ohio, January 1, 1846. She was united in marriage to Austin A. Parker, December 13, 1865, after the close of the Civil War. They came to Michigan in 1869 settling in Battle Creek, March 17, 1877.

She had two children, Charles A. and Maude A.

During the Civil War her father served as a Squirrel Hunter and Mr. Parker served in Co. B-23 Ohio under Col. Rutherford B. Hays and Major McKinley.

Her father's farm was one of the underground railways in aiding escaped slaves to reach Canada.

Stella L. Parker was a charter member of Farragut Women's Relief Corps, No. 4 and was our last Charter Member when she departed this life.

She was always active and interested in our Order, and held many offices—Past Pres., etc.

She was one of the Delegates meeting in Convention at..... to perfect the formation of the Department of Michigan and was elected and served as Conductor.

Largely through her efforts the Districts were organized to stimulate interest in our order. She was elected Department Treasurer in 1890.

She was always faithful, a true friend to the Veterans of the Civil War, and her memory is very dear to those of us who knew her best.

We miss her today. Sadly miss our dear friend and co-worker, and yet,

All's for the best, if we only did know it,
Sorrow and suffering, anguish and loss:
Tenderly, kindly God's hand doth bestow it,
Bridging with love the deep chasm across.

Dark are the shadows foretelling the dawning
Bringing the Chariot Wheels of the day;
It is always night time, before it is morning
Always winter before it is May.

Joy walketh close to the footsteps of sorrow.
We find not the thorn till the rose we have pressed;
But let it be grief or joy on the morrow
God's way is the way that is always the best.

In loving tribute I place these flowers.

MINNIE MEAD CHADDERDON,
Past Department President.

In loving reverence we offer tribute in remembrance of the members of the Woman's Relief Corps who have been called from us during the past year.

No one hears the door that opens,
Thru which they passed beyond our call.
Soft as loosened leaves of roses,
One by one our loved ones fall.
They never quite leave us these friends who have passed
From the shadow of death to the sunlight above,
A thousand sweet memories, are holding them fast
To the places they blessed with their presence and love,
We see but dimly through the mists and vapors;
Amid these earthly damps what
Seems to us but sad, funereal tapers
May be Heaven's distant lamps.

I place these flowers in memory of 181 departed sisters.

ELNORA REATTOIR,
Past Department Treasurer.

A TRIBUTE TO "OUR JUNIORS"

We are taught in the holy Scripture that our Saviour said "Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven." We are called upon today to pay a loving tribute to two of our dear departed members of Junior Clubs. When our best beloved are gathered to Thee, and when affliction becomes our portion teach us then O Lord, to say: "Thy will be done." These girls whom we mourn today, were the flower of some happy home that now has a vacant chair.

It was not in cruelty nor wrath
That the Reaper came that day
But a guardian angel who visited the earth
And took the child away.

In loving memory of Edna Terpstra and Rose Ellen McCullum, I place these flowers.

(By) IDELLA MACNEAL,
Department Director of Junior Clubs.

The Color Bearers escorted those who had paid the tributes from the altar.

Leah Simpson: "We will all be very glad at this time to hear a few words from our Grand Army of the Republic. With a great deal of pleasure I am going to present each Comrade. First of all I wish to greet our Department Commander. In my address you may remember that I said rarely had I the opportunity of having my Commander with me through the State because of the severe winter. Now the sun shines, and we have our Commander. It is my very great pleasure to call upon him for a few words. I am honored that our Commander and your fine delegation of Comrades of the Grand Army are with me today. I present to you Ira M. Stewart, Department Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic. Salute!"

Ira M. Stewart: "Department President and all of the ladies of this organization, I'm not very much of a speaker, but I'm happy to be here with you this afternoon to see this grand service gone through. There's other members of the G. A. R. here more able to speak than I am, but I'm very happy to be here with you this afternoon, and I thank you again."

Leah Simpson: "And I'll present Senior Vice Commander in Chief, Theodore Burden. Salute!"

Theodore Burden: "Mrs. President, ladies, I just want to say this is one of the most touching ceremonies I've ever witnessed, and I've enjoyed it."

Leah Simpson: "And I know that Julia Allen would like to give the words of greeting to her Commander. Many of the Past Department Presidents have their Commanders with them. Julia, will you introduce your Department Commander?"

Julia Allen: "Commander Blake, will you rise, please? Commander Blake was Department Commander during my year as Department President. We certainly had a very enjoyable and successful year, and I'm very happy he is here today."

Commander Blake: "It is all a pleasure. One of my greatest satisfactions was to meet many of our Auxiliary. I enjoyed that year very much. I appreciate your service very much, and I'm very happy to be here. Thank you."

Leah Simpson: "Isabel Thomas has her Commander with her."

Isabel Thomas: "Madam Department President, ladies of the Convention, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present my Commander, Frank Keeler of Saginaw."

Frank Keeler: "Madam President and beloved ladies, I have no words to express the emotion that comes with a scene like this. We had happy gatherings, we had enjoyable social functions of various kinds, but this sacred Memorial to those who have gone exceeds, in the richness of its faithfulness, all social functions. I certainly am happy to be here with you, and I thank you for the honor."

Minnie M. Chadderdon introduced Commander Estabrook.

Leah Simpson: "In the rear of the building I see the Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, Ida Davidson, and with her one of our well loved past Department Presidents, Maud Holmes. I wonder if Maud is able to come to the platform. Will she be able to come? Remains in her seat—

Just a moment, Maud, dear. I wish this Convention to face this beloved President, and then we will be seated and hear what she says. I introduce you to Maud Holmes, who has been ill for many months. Will you join with me in the salute? And now be seated. Now, Maud, dear."

Maud Holmes stood up from her chair in the back of the room and expressed her appreciation for the cards that had been sent to her during her illness.

Leah Simpson: "Thank you, Maud, dear, we were glad to hear your voice."

Mattie Weed: "Madam President, may I say that the first Department Convention that I ever attended was in this Church, and Mrs. Holmes was elected President that year."

Leah Simpson: "Our Past Department Treasurer tells us that in this Church Maud Holmes was elected President of this Department. We are glad that she has come home to this Church to attend this Convention. Thank you for making this effort.

The Color Bearers escorted Ida Davidson to the platform.

"Department President, deep in our hearts, with the words of our lips, we extend this greeting to you."

Leah Simpson: "Members of the 53rd Convention, I think with the presenting of this Department President that you have the very great pleasure of seeing all that we have with us today. We regret that others are not here. We have not wished to even bring a sad thought into this first day, so regrets will be read later. Ida Davidson has been a bulwark of strength. I have asked much of her during the year, and she always gave it. I found hospitality awaiting me at her home. Ida, we commend your work. Convention join with me in the salute.

Just a word from the Secretary of the G. A. R., and then we're going to have a few words from our Commanders.

Ida Davidson: "Madam President, Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and friends, nineteen years ago this June I sat on this platform with the Department President, Katherine Miller, and her officers presented her with this little gold jewel. After her passing it was given to me. So there's just a little feeling as I come here and look around. Oh, dear, there are so many faces—so many that I know are here in spirit. Thank you, Madam President, for your good wishes. She forgot to tell you when she came that night I was cleaning house, and she didn't know whether I was moving in or out.

Leah Simpson: "We have Commander Killeen with us, but his Department President is not with us. Gertrude told us last week that she expected to be here. Perhaps we will have Gertrude with us tomorrow. Just a word, Commander Killeen."

Commander Killeen: "What a pleasure this is! While it is a sad thing that we're doing, it is a wonderful pleasure to see the faces that we see, and know they are loyal. Loyalty is a wonderful thing. You know, without this friendship and this loyalty, what would we amount to? The society, the friendship is what makes this world; it is what makes all of the good things of this world. I look over those faces that I have seen so often, that I know so well, and I thank you all, and I thank God I could be with you."

Leah Simpson: "I'm looking over the line, and I have no more Department Commanders. Eugene Owen, Past Department Patriotic Instructor, I'm just going to ask you for a word."

Eugene Owen, Past Dept. Patriotic Instructor: "Mrs. President, Ladies, Comrades, I'm very thankful to be here at this Memorial Service. Thank you."

Leah Simpson: "My own Commander of my post, our post at home, with whom I have worked many years. I'm going to ask Comrade Chappell for just a word. Just a word to say you're here."

Comrade Chappell: "I'm afraid my voice will be a little low. I belonged to a post where there were 1,552 men. I started in last Fall—I had fourteen men, I have seven left. All passed away within the last seven years. I lost every officer I had. I have reorganized the post out of the seven, and we shall go right on until the last man is gone."

Comrade Keeler read a verse.

Comrade Stewart: "In Petoskey we have five members left, two past 94, and I'm the third oldest one of the post, and I'm Vice Commander of the Veterans' Council, and it gives me great pleasure to be down here today and meet so many smiling faces. I can't but help to thank you ladies for coming over and asking us to come over to this Memorial Service."

Commander Stewart: "Madam President, may I say just a word? I would like to introduce our Assistant Adj. and Quartermaster Gen. of our post, S. H. Carlton."

Leah Simpson: "I'm so glad that you did introduce him."

S. H. Carlton expressed his pleasure in being present.

Leah Simpson, speaking to another comrade: "He heard me speak, but he was going to shirk. You've sort of reconsidered it, and we're so glad we're going to hear from you."

This Comrade spoke a few words in which he paid tribute to the Veterans of the Civil War.

Leah Simpson, speaking to another Comrade: "Did you hear me when I asked you? If you didn't, I want a word."

Comrade Beaumont: "I'm no public speaker, but I'll say this, I'm glad to see these young people—and what a chance they have! These Comrades didn't have the chance you have. If we had three months in school in the year, we were fortunate. So for that reason I would like to have these young people enjoy the blessings they are having today. You are living in a land where we have no slaves, where you are free. I thank you one and all for the privilege of saying these few words to you this afternoon. Thank you."

Leah Simpson, speaking to another Comrade: "Did you hear me? (Laughter). Then we want to hear you."

Comrade Lightcap: "Ladies, I'm very glad to have a chance to meet you here. I know what lies in your hearts. There are 170 of us in the State now. Last year we had 236. So you see we're dropping away very fast."

Leah Simpson: "Members of this 53rd Annual Convention, you have heard the greetings from eleven Comrades. I think we should go home to our Corps and take back the message that they have given us."

"Now, my beloved Comrades, this morning my Aides, who served me through the year, each presented me with a rose, and I know they will allow me to give you a rose from my bouquet. So it gives me considerable pleasure, before you leave, to give you a rose from the offering from the Aides. I know roses mean love."

Leah Simpson then presented each of the Comrades with a rose.

Leah Simpson: "I have an announcement here particularly for the Comrades. All these Comrades are invited to the Post Tavern at 6:30 to attend the banquet of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now, if you have to leave us, we will let you go with regret. We would like to keep you with us, but we know you have work to do. Color Bearers, Past Department Presidents, my Courtesy Committee, all will escort the Grand Army out."

The Junior Club Girls assisted during the Memorial Services.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 1936

Meeting called to order at 9:00 A. M. by Commander Stewart.

Directly after the opening of the meeting Florence Wright was admitted by the Officer of the Day.

Mrs. Wright: Commander Stewart and Comrades of the G. A. R.—I am Florence Wright of the Auxiliary and I am bringing personal greetings.

Commander Stewart: We want to wish for you all a wonderfully nice convention.

Mrs. Wright: Thank you. We will be glad to have your Encampment pay us a visit. Comrade Estabrook was my Commander and we have been buddies for years. I am glad to see so many of you present and thank you for your hearty welcome.

Badge presented to Mrs. Wright, after which she is escorted to door by the Officer of the Day.

Commander Stewart: We will now proceed with the business of the day. Are there any reports to be brought in?

Commander's report was submitted by Comrade Keeler, Past Commander.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMANDER'S REPORT

We have examined the report of the Department Commander and find that he has discharged all the duties of his office, conscientiously and to the best of his ability. We recommend the adoption of the same.

FRANK D. KEELER,
ORESTUS BLAKE,
JOHN KILLEEN,
A. H. LIGHTCAP,
Committee.

Moved by Comrade Estabrook that the report be accepted. Motion seconded and carried.

The Asst. Adjutant's report was submitted by Comrade Lightcap and read. The report was accepted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S REPORT**

Department Commander—The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Assistant Adjutant General have examined the same and find it correct.

A. H. LIGHTCAP,
JOHN KILLEEN,
ORESTUS BLAKE,
Committee.

Commander Stewart: The next in order is the election of the Council of Administration.

The following Comrades were nominated:

ORESTUS BLAKE,
JOHN KILLEEN,
F. D. KEELER,
A. F. CHAPPELLE,
A. H. LIGHTCAP.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we vote collectively and that the Assistant Adjutant cast the vote.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Carlton: I cast the unanimous vote of this Encampment for Council of Administration as nominated.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we proceed to elect delegates to the National Convention. Seconded and carried.

Commander Stewart: We are allowed one delegate at large and four delegates.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate Comrade John Beaumont Delegate at Large—others nominated were
Comrade Carlton
Comrade Warner
Comrade Lightcap
Comrade (One vacancy on the delegation)

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we cast a vote for these delegates collectively. Seconded and carried.

Commander Stewart: It has been moved and seconded that we cast a vote for these delegates collectively. All in favor make manifest by raising right hand. Carried. Adjutant cast the vote.

Comrade Estabrook: I move, Commander, that the Adjutant be asked to fill in this delegation we are making and the alternates for the members who attend the National Convention at Washington.

Comrade Blake: I second the motion.

Commander Stewart: It has been moved and seconded that the Adjutant fill the vacancy on the delegation and name the alternate from the names of the Comrades enrolled.

The motion was voted on and carried.

Officer of the Day: A gentleman is waiting to be admitted.

Commander Stewart: Admit him.

Mr. Francis Hall, a member of the Sons of Veterans, is admitted and presented.

Mr. Hall: Commander and Comrades—I come here with a request which I want to make to your body. I do not know just how to put this request, but at one time all disbanded Posts had to send in their property such as descriptive matter to headquarters. I understand that at the Capitol at Lansing there are some descriptive books which would be of use to me and to my Department in our work. I am appointed by the Sons of Veterans throughout the State of Michigan, part of my work being to see that the graves of all Veterans are located and marked. If I could have these books they would be a great help to me. I have a letter here authorizing me to secure same and hold, subject to the order of the Council of Administration.

Comrade Keeler: May we take this matter under discussion?

Discussion follows.

Comrade Blake: I make a motion that the Sons of Veterans be authorized to inspect the records that they wish to have.

Comrade Carlton: I would like to amend that motion by moving that we grant this man's request for possession of the descriptive book.

Comrade Killeen: I second that motion.

Carried unanimously.

Comrade Owen (Officer of the Day): A Committee with greetings is waiting to be admitted.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Comrade Owen: I wish to present a delegation from the Ladies of the G. A. R.

Commander Stewart: We are glad to welcome you.

Nellie Bartlett: I have with me Fannie Woolette, our National Representative, Edna Gray, Constance Betts and Ethel Cothrell, all of whom I wish to present.

Fannie Woolette: Commander and Comrades—We are very happy this morning to come in and greet you. We are bringing our usual greetings that we bring every year. The little gift that we present you with today we hope you will all enjoy. I thank you.

Ethel Cothrell: Comrades—I am more than pleased this morning to greet you all. My father served from '62 to '65. He was at Libby Prison—he fought and suffered, and I have always been glad that I was given the privilege of working for you of the G. A. R. and your families. I am pleased to be with you, and hope that you have a very pleasant convention.

Mrs. Gray: Comrades—I am very happy to be here to greet you this morning. It is a sorrow, though, as well as a pleasure, because we cannot help but realize how rapidly you good old boys are being mustered out. My father was a soldier in the Civil War and I have been pleased to have the opportunity to work with you boys. There are other soldiers who are perhaps as patriotic, but to me, none so dear. Thank you.

Miss Bartlett: To the dear friends in memory of my Dad, Charles, and in memory of other departed Comrades of the G. A. R., we Ladies of the G. A. R., present you with these cigars, and hope you will enjoy them.

Commander Stewart: Ladies of the G. A. R., we thank you very much. We are going to try to have a very happy time, and hope you will do so too. We have not heard from Mrs. Betts. Have you a few words, Mrs. Betts?

Mrs. Betts: I would just like to recite for you a poem my father always loved. Poem:

ON THE SHORES OF TENNESSEE

“Move my arm chair faithful Pompey
 In the sunshine bright and strong.
 For this world is fading Pompey
 'Massa won't be with you long.
 And I fain would hear the south wind
 Bring once more the sound to me
 Of the wavelets softly breaking
 On the shores of Tennessee.”

“Mournful though those ripples murmur
 Still they the story tell
 How no vessel floats the banner
 I have loved so long and well.
 I shall listen for their music
 Dreaming that again I see
 Stars and stripes on slope and shallow
 Sailing up the Tennessee.”

“And Pompey, while old massa's waiting
 For death's last dispatch to come
 If the exiled starry banner
 Should come proudly sailing home
 You should greet it, slave no longer
 Voice and hand should both be free
 That shouts and points to union colors
 On the waves of Tennessee.”

“Old massa's berry kind to Pompey,
 But old darkey's happy here
 Where he tended corn and cotton
 For 'ese many long gone year.

O'ber yonder miss is sleeping
No one tends her grave like me
'Pears like maybe she would miss the flowers
That she used to love in Tennessee."

"It 'pears like she is watching massa,
And if Pompey does beside him stay
Mebbe she'd remember better
How for him, she used to pray.
A telling him that way up yonder
White as snow his soul should be
If he served the Lord of Heaven
While he lived in Tennessee."

Silently the tears were rolling
Down that poor old dusky's face
As he stepped behind his master
In his long accustomed place,
Then a silence fell around them
As he gazed on rock and tree
Pictured in the placid waters
Of the rippling Tennessee.

Master is dreaming of the battle
Where he fought by Marion's side
How he bid that haughty tarlton
Stoop his lordly crest of pride.
Man's remembering how yon sleeper
Once he held upon his knee
'Ere she loved the gallant soldier
Ralph Vervear of Tennessee.

Still the south wind fondly lingers
'Mid the veteran's silvery hair
Still the bondman close beside him
Stands behind the old arm chair,
With dark hued hand uplifted
Shading eyes he bends to see
Where the woodland boldly jutting
Turns aside the Tennessee.

Thus he watches cloud born shadow
Glide from tree to mountain crest
Softly creeping, aye and ever
Up the river's yielding breast.
Ha! above the foliage yonder
Something flutters wild and free
"Massa! Massa! Halleuia!
The Flag's come back to Tennessee."

"Pompey hold me on your shoulder
Help me stand on foot once more

That I may salute those colors
 As they pass my cabin door.
 Here's a paper signed that frees you
 Now give a free man's shout with me
 'God in union' be our watch word
 Ever more in Tennessee."

Then the trembling voice grew fainter
 And the limbs refused to stand
 One prayer to Jesus and the soldier
 Glided to that better land.
 When the flag went down the river
 Man and master both were free
 While the ring dove's note was mingled
 With the rippling Tennesseee.

(Author unknown).

Badges are presented and Ladies of the G. A. R. are shown out by the Officer of the Day.

Comrade Owen: A committee from the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Mrs. Buell: Commander and Comrades—I have the pleasure of bringing to you the greetings of the Department of Michigan, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. I have been requested to ask that you read this letter during your session. It is my pleasure to extend to you from this Department our token of respect. (Presents flowers.)

Mrs. White: I am glad to bring greetings to the G. A. R. and hope you are all enjoying your Encampment here.

Commander Stewart: We have enjoyed receiving a visit from the Ladies of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Thank you for coming and thank you for the flowers.

Commander Stewart: It has been customary to appoint a committee to visit the other organizations and bring in a report. Are there any suggestions?

Comrade Estabrook: I suggest that inasmuch as our members have reached an age at which it is hard for them to send committees around to meet the various organizations, why not just feel that we are happy to accept the greetings of other organizations as they come to us.

This suggestion was generally accepted.

Commander Stewart: I now declare a short recess to await delegations from remaining committees.

Commander Stewart: Meeting called to order.

Comrade Owen: A delegation is waiting with greetings.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Comrade Owen: Here are Mrs. Brady and Mrs. Shepherd from the Auxiliary to the Spanish War Veterans.

Commander Stewart: We welcome you.

Mrs. Brady: I bring you greetings from the Department of the Auxiliary Spanish War Veterans and I hope you have a pleasant stay here in the city and a fine convention. (Presents flowers.)

Mrs. Shepherd: I bring you greetings from the Owosso Veterans, and wish for you a happy convention.

Ladies leave after being presented with badges by Comrade Owen.

Comrade Owen: Another delegation is waiting.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

A delegation from the Spanish War Veterans is admitted and presented: D. S. Ford, George Ames, Oscar Brady.

Mr. Ford: Commander and Comrades: On behalf of the Department Commander of the Spanish War Veterans, who was unable to be here, we bring his greetings and regrets. It is a pleasure for us to greet you Gentlemen of the G. A. R. We are most of us your sons. We hope that you will be having many more conventions and are glad to see so many of you here today.

Mr. Ames: Comrades, I can just say this: that I cannot understand why and how you fellows took Lookout Mountain and the territory around Richmond. I have had the opportunity of viewing those places and can only say that you are mighty fine men to be able to get into those places. Now there is no North and no South, as the younger generation has to some extent forgotten the antagonistic feeling that once existed.

Mr. Brady: Commander and Comrades of the G. A. R. My words are very few. I simply want to say "God Bless You" and may you continue in the good work of patriotism that the G. A. R. has stood for these many years. I thank you.

Commander Stewart: Gentlemen, we thank you.

Badges are presented and the gentlemen escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Commander Stewart: Will the Assistant Adjutant please read this letter from T. W. Hammond? (Asst. Adjutant reads letters from Mr. Hammond).

June 1, 1936.

To the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic:

The enclosed copy of a letter from Dr. T. W. Hammond, Chief Surgeon at the Michigan Soldiers' Home, Grand Rapids, the original of which was addressed to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, speaks for itself.

Repeated requests have been made to the State of Michigan for the equipment mentioned, to no avail. So this plea comes to the comrades and sisters of those who have been, are being, or may be given succor at our Soldiers' Home.

To the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations, we appeal for this assistance as a memorial to those who have found shelter there. To the United Spanish War Comrades and Sisters we appeal on your own behalf. To the World War Veterans' organizations and their auxiliaries may we say that there are at present time, more World War Veterans receiving care at the Home than all other war veterans combined. This Home and Hospital may well become a welcome refuge to many of our own men and women. We appeal to your spirit of Comradeship!

If your organization will participate in the project to raise funds toward this equipment under a Board of Directors with Chaplain Cornelius Swart of the Home as custodian of the Fund, will you not communicate with the undersigned as soon as possible, stating the manner in which you wish to participate, the approximate membership you have to draw from, the name and address of the person you submit as a member of the Board of Directors and any other suggestions you have to offer? Further details will be sent you later, if the plan meets with your approval.

Yours for greater co-operation for the best interests of all!

Loyally yours,

PEARL E. MUSSER,
President, Department of Michigan,
Ladies' Auxiliary to the
Veterans of Foreign Wars.
912 Chicago Ave.,
Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Attest:

RUBY A. DUNKLEE,
Department Secretary.

MICHIGAN SOLDIERS' HOME

GRAND RAPIDS

May 13, 1936.

To the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars,
Mrs. Pearl E. Musser, Dept. Pres.,
912 Chicago Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Dear Ladies:

This is a plea for aid from veterans' organizations of Michigan and others who may be interested at the suggestion of Mrs. Musser.

The need for X-ray equipment and a late model operating table at the Michigan Soldiers' Home Hospital at Grand Rapids is one of the greatest present necessities. It frequently becomes necessary to transfer patients to down town X-ray men and hospitals for this service. This can be done with many cases. In other cases it is not practical nor justifiable. The

veterans are entitled to this service and the proper equipment should be on the way from some source. This hospital has been considered a modern hospital, but I doubt if it should be considered so without these accessories.

A representative of the General Electric Company estimated that an expenditure of about \$2,750 would provide equipment to supply our needs. Late models of operating tables with all the adjustments for various operations will cost from \$600 to \$850, according to the type selected. I hope the organizations of the state may bring about this much needed help in the care of veterans.

Sincerely,

T. W. HAMMOND,
Chief Surgeon.

TWH:HM

Mrs. Davidson: I have been in this hospital at Grand Rapids a great many times and it is wonderfully equipped with the exception of the operating table and X-ray machine, which they are trying to acquire. Being a nurse of the past I feel that a hospital is not properly equipped without these. This letter is an appeal to all Organizations to help make up a fund sufficient to meet this need.

Commander Stewart: May we have the opinion of you boys on this matter? Discussion follows.

Comrade Keeler: I move that the request contained in this letter for a contribution be denied by the G. A. R.

Comrade Killeen: I second that motion.

Commander Stewart: It has been moved and seconded that this request for a contribution be denied. All in favor of this motion please raise your right hand.

Carried unanimously.

Comrade Carlton: I make a motion that we answer this communication in this way—that while we wish them well we do not feel that we can make a pledge in view of the few of us who are left.

Seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook presents a resolution, as follows:

Whereas, this being one of the few Department Encampments we may be expected to attend, it seems fitting and proper that we express ourselves briefly on our relations to the community in which we live; also on our relations to the several patriotic orders who so long have cooperated with us in our efforts towards a higher standard of American citizenship; the Grand Army of the Republic would be unworthy of the honor and esteem in which it is held, both near and far, did it fail to adhere and demonstrate its full and undying allegiance to the great national ideals fostered and cherished as something we fought for in the war for the preservation of the Union, and be it resolved that our thanks are due to the warm-hearted endorsement of citizens, generally, and for the generous hotel accommodations and other courtesies extended to us by people, generally, and to our Department Commander for his efficient

conduct of Department affairs, also, to Mrs. Ida Davidson, for her faithful services in our behalf.

Resolved, that the Department Commander be presented with a Past Department Commander's badge, not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
EUGENE OWEN,
THEO. BURDEN,
Committee on Resolutions.

Comrade Estabrook: I move the adoption of this report as read.

Supported by Comrade Keeler and carried.

Comrade Warner: A delegation awaits.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Comrade Owen: I present a greetings committee from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: F. J. McMurtrie, E. R. Henderson, I. Ray Fisher.

Commander Stewart: Welcome, gentlemen.

Mr. McMurtrie: Commander: They say that every man is entitled to a hobby. They further say that he is entitled to ride it at least once a year. This is not a hobby with us, but if it were it would be the most sublime hobby we could have—that of appearing before the G. A. R., assembled as you are at the Encampment of the Department of Michigan. We wish to express to you the love and sentiment which swells in our hearts for you, not only today, but every day. We are your sons. You represent to us our fathers and we always want to honor your memory and be to you what loyal sons should be.

Mr. Henderson: Commander and Comrades—I certainly do appreciate being on a Committee to meet the G. A. R. It is the highest honor that the Department of Michigan can confer on its members of the greetings committees. This is my fourth consecutive year. Comrade Chappell is from my town, Detroit, and I consider him as I would a father. I am especially glad to see him here and to greet him. I thank you.

Mr. Fisher: Comrades—This is the first time I have ever had the pleasure of being on this committee for the Union Veterans. I feel that it is the duty of these older fellows. Nevertheless I am honored. It is for you that we are carrying on this work. It is for you that we will continue to carry on the work after you are gone. It is the object of our order to do this. I am very pleased to be here and hope that many of you will be spared to attend many more of these Encampments.

Present cigars.

Badges are presented by the Officer of the Day, who escorts the Gentlemen to the door.

Comrade Owen: A gentleman is waiting.

Commander Stewart: Admit him.

Mr. W. F. Peterson is presented. (Of the Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau.)

Mr. Peterson: Commander and Comrades—It gives me great pleasure to bring you greetings from the City of Detroit and to extend to you a most cordial invitation to hold your next Encampment in the City of Detroit. We are anxious to have you with us. It has been a long time since you met in Detroit and we are looking forward to seeing you next year. I thank you.

Badge is presented by Officer of the Day, who sees Mr. Peterson to the door.

Adjournment to 2:00 oclock session.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order at 2:00 o'clock by Commander Ira M. Stewart.

Commander Stewart: I believe there are some communications to be brought before us. I will ask Mrs. Davidson to read these communications.

Mrs. Davidson read communications from:
 Mayor Couzens of Detroit
 Detroit Board of Commerce
 Detroit Convention and Tourist Bureau

These communications were all in the form of invitations for the G. A. R. to hold their next annual Encampment in Detroit.

Comrade Keeler: I move that the invitations to hold our next convention in Detroit be accepted and placed on file.

Comrade Chappell: I second that motion.

Comrade Estabrook: It has been the custom every year since I have attended these Encampments to accept or reject these invitations without further consideration. If there were several invitations they were voted on informally and the city with the most votes got the Encampment, until last year. If there were any other city who wanted us to meet there we would have heard from them by now.

Motion carried to hold the 1937 Encampment in Detroit.

Commander Stewart: Are there any other remarks? If not we will go on with the business of the day.

Comrade Owen: There is a Committee with greetings at the door.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

A chorus of ladies from the Daughters of the Civil War Veterans enter and serenade the members of the G. A. R. by playing on Songaphones the following numbers:

Marching Through Georgia
 Tenting on the Old Camp Grounds
 Let Me Call you Sweetheart

Badges were presented to the members of this delegation.

Comrade Owen: There is a delegation at the door from the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander Stewart: Admit them.

Mr. Parson: The Department of Michigan Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S. extend to the G. A. R. their greetings for a successful and happy convention.

Presents flowers.

Mr. Martin: Comrades and Department Commander—It is with a great deal of pleasure that we come here to extend the greetings of the Department of Michigan to our Comrades of the G. A. R. We reverence deeply the memory of those who have gone beyond and hope that you who remain may be with us for a long time to come.

Comrade Estabrook: I, being the Senior Vice Commander in Chief, was to have called upon you. I have not yet been able to do this but wish to say now that we want you to convey for us our very heartiest wishes for the success of your Encampment.

Commander Stewart: Gentlemen of the V. F. W. we thank you. Officer of the day, kindly conduct these gentlemen to the door.

Badges are presented and gentlemen conducted out.

Comrade Estabrook: It is the custom, I believe, after having completed the receiving of visiting delegations at this convention, to proceed with our one more act, election of officers.

Commander Stewart: We will proceed with the election of officers for the coming year.

Comrade Carlton: I suggest that we first appoint someone to fill in the uncompleted delegation to Washington.

Commander Stewart: Seeing there isn't anyone here who can be appointed to fill the uncompleted delegation we will finish this matter at a later time.

Comrade Estabrook presented the report of the resolutions committee to the Encampment.

RESOLUTION

Conditions prevailing at our department encampments the last two or three years have given rise to various complaints from those in attendance that their housing accommodations have not come up to the standard expected or desired, they having to seek rooms remote from headquarters and often quite unsatisfactory.

The large attendance of world war comrades at our encampments is the obvious cause of this overtaxing of hospitalities. It is, therefore, with a view of relieving the situation we ask our V. F. W. Comrades to send only a limited delegation to our encampment and instruct them to

avoid making convention arrangements not strictly in harmony with the G. A. R. desires.

It is hereby **RESOLVED**

That the G. A. R. Department Council of administration confer with the Veterans of Foreign Wars and ask their compliance with suggestion of a limited delegation at all our future encampments, otherwise, we feel it incumbent upon the G. A. R. to limit the attendance at our encampment, solely to members of the Grand Army and its affiliated societies.

Signed

A. C. ESTABROOK,
EUGENE OWEN,
THEODORE BURDEN,
Committee.

Comrade Estabrook: I move the adoption of the resolution, as read.

Motion seconded.

Commander Stewart: All in favor of this motion raise their right hand.

Motion carried.

Comrade Estabrook: We have to complete all the business of our convention before we can proceed to the election of officers. I believe this is now finished and move that we proceed with the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Seconded and carried.

Commander Stewart: I will appoint Comrades Burden, Keeler and Estabrook as tellers. The nomination is now in order to vote for Commander.

Comrade Owen: I nominate Comrade Warner.

Comrade Keeler: I have the deepest respect and regard for Comrade Warner. However, I feel that we need someone who is physically able to carry on this office—one who can get out and handle the various situations. I take pleasure in nominating Ira M. Stewart.

Mrs. Davidson: Comrades, we have in waiting, to say a word to you, Mrs. Boyce, who is National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans. May we delay the voting for a moment to hear from Mrs. Boyce?

Mrs. Boyce: Commander Stewart and Comrades—I hope that all of you can hear what I am going to say to you. I just came from Des Moines to be with the Daughters of Union Veterans here. I am their National President. I am a daughter of all of you Comrades. I am bringing good wishes from fifty thousand Daughters, who wish a long life for you yet, and may your future Encampments be very happy ones. I am glad to see so many Comrades out. I have been to all parts of the United States and in many places I do not see so many as are here today. We want you to remember that the Daughters are back of you. Long after you are

gone we are going to talk about you and teach all others about the things you did in serving the Flag of our country. I thank you.

Mrs. Davidson: I am very pleased to pin this badge over a heart that beats with loyalty for the G. A. R. (Presents badge.)

Mrs. Boyce: I was born in Michigan and lived here many years before going to Minnesota, so I am especially anxious and glad to greet you of the Department of Michigan. Thank you.

Badge presented to Mrs. Boyce.

Mrs. Davidson escorts the National President out.

Commander Stewart: We will now proceed with the election to the office of Commander. Are there any other nominations?

There being no more nominations the votes were cast and collected by the tellers.

The votes cast were as follows:

Comrade Warner—5
Comrade Stewart—9

Comrade Stewart elected.

Commander Stewart: The election of Senior Vice Commander is now in order.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate Comrade Burden.

It was the wish of all present that a unanimous vote be cast for Comrade Burden.

Asst. Adjutant Carlton: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Comrade Burden for Senior Vice Commander.

Commander Stewart: I declare Comrade Burden elected.

Commander Stewart: Now the election of Junior Vice Commander.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate John Beaumont.

It was the wish of all present that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comrade Beaumont.

Asst. Adjutant Carlton: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Comrade Beaumont for the office of Junior Vice Commander.

Commander Stewart: I declare Commander Beaumont elected.

Commander Stewart: The election of Chaplain is now in order.

Comrade Killeen: I nominate Comrade Blake for Chaplain.

It was the wish of all present that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comrade Blake for Chaplain.

Asst. Adjutant Carlton: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Comrade Blake for Chaplain for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare Comrade Blake elected.

Commander Stewart: Now the election of a Medical Director.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate Comrade Warner as Medical Director.

It was the wish of all present that a unanimous ballot be cast for Comrade Warner for Medical Director.

Asst. Adjutant Carlton: I hereby cast a unanimous ballot for Comrade Warner for Medical Director for the ensuing year.

Commander Stewart: I declare Comrade Warner elected.

Commander Stewart: Having completed the election of officers for the ensuing year we will now proceed with the installation. Comrade Blake will please act as Installing Officer.

Comrade Blake: I will appoint Comrade Estabrook as Officer of the Day. (Comrade Blake administers oath of office.) Officer of the Day, conduct the installed officers to their respective stations.

Commander Stewart: I now appoint Comrade Estabrook Asst. Adjutant. Comrade Blake installs Comrade Estabrook in this office.

Commander Stewart: Comrades, I have always held an office in the G. A. R. until I moved to Petoskey. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for the honor you have bestowed upon me by again making me Commander of the Department of Michigan. You can depend upon me to execute this office to the best of my ability. I wish to thank you all for the co-operation you have given me this past year. I thank you.

Mrs. Davidson presents Comrades with tickets to the joint banquet of the Fathers and Daughters of the Union Veterans, to be held at the I. O. O. F. Temple at 6:00 o'clock.

Comrade Estabrook: If there is no more business to come before our Encampment, I make a motion that we adjourn.

A delegation from the Lyman A. Gilbert Corps of Detroit is admitted and present flowers to Commander Stewart. The members of the delegation were:

Amelia Hathaway
Bernice Merrill
Violet Buckley

They are presented with badges and escorted out by the Officer of the Day.

Commander Stewart: I believe the motion for adjournment has been made and seconded. I declare the meetings of this 58th Encampment adjourned sine die.

UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM

The 58th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic has passed into history. We, The Comrades and Allied Organizations

wish to thank Mr. Rudolph Habermann, Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Alton C. Britten, all Committees and the entire Citizenship of Battle Creek for their gracious hospitality during our week with them. To the Boy and Girl Scouts who have endeared themselves to the Comrades by their many acts of kindness we say thank you again. To the Manager and all employees of the Post Tavern our grateful thanks are due for their untiring efforts for our comfort and pleasure.

"WELCOME"

From our own Governor

Hon. Frank D. Fitzgerald (page 7).

Greetings to the Members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Allied Organizations:

On behalf of the citizens of Battle Creek, I take pleasure in extending the warmest of welcomes to the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and allied organizations, who have convened in our city.

The happiest task of my official life is this opportunity to express a community's humble homage to the illustrious men and women who, by their sacrifices and devotion, their patriotism and heroism, have contributed so vitally to the perpetuation of this "land of the free and home of the brave."

You have bestowed upon us a signal honor in the selection of Battle Creek as your convention city for 1936. We shall not taint that honor, nor make regretful your choice, through sacrilegious acts or performances.

It is a privilege to pay tribute to you, individually and collectively. May your stay here be rewarded with all the warmth, the friendliness, the pleasures to which you are so rightfully and lastingly entitled.

J. W. MURPHY,
Mayor.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10TH, 1936

9 A. M. Registration.

1:30 P. M. Opening session. Reports of Officers and exchange of greetings.

4 P. M. Joint Memorial services with the Woman's Relief Corps.

9 P. M. Reception, Post Tavern.

THURSDAY, JUNE 11TH

Business sessions and many activities filled the day.

8 P. M. Campfire. W. K. Kellogg Auditorium.

FRIDAY, JUNE 12TH

The Annual Parade was set for 10:00 A. M. The day was ideal, and long before the time set for the parade to move thousands had gathered to see the Veterans of the Civil and Foreign Wars. Cheers and tears greeted the marchers for miles. The Michigan G. A. R. Drum Corps headed the parade, the Sons of Union Veterans acting as official escorts to the Comrades who rode until they reached the reviewing stand at the Park. They were seated and given the opportunity to view the remainder of the parade. Due honor was paid to them as each division approached the reviewing stand.

Too much praise cannot be given to The Kellogg and Postum Companies who kept open house during the entire week and acted as Host to all the visiting organizations. Lunches were served and each guest was presented with a liberal sample of their product.

REGISTRATIONS

BATTLE CREEK, JUNE, 1936

	AGE
Blake, Orestus, Co. H. 23rd Mich. Inft., Jackson	90
Burden, Theodore, Co. A. 15th Mich. Inft., Holly	90
Beaumont, J. F., Co. A. 3rd Mich. Cavl., Milford	93
Bently, C. L., Co. D. 7th O. V. I., Battle Creek	93
Blye, Audrey, Co L. 10th Mich. Cavl.	90
Carlton, S. H., Co. K. 28th Mich. Inft., Kalamazoo	90
Catt, Robert, Co. G. 78th N. Y. Inft., Lake Odessa	95
Chappelle, A. F., Co. E. 60th O. V. Inft., Detroit	91
Clark, Austin, Co. K. 6th Mich. Cavl., Battle Creek	93
Cowles, A. J., Co. F. 12th Mich. Inft., Otsego	91
Estabrook, A. C., Co. E. 28th Mich. Inft., Grand Rapids	89
Faith, Winfield, Co. I. 45th Iowa Inft., Battle Creek	88
Gardner, George, Co. I. 2nd Mich. Cavl., Charlotte	90
Howland, W. R., Co. L. 8th N. Y. Art., Battle Creek	91
Jones, Amasa, Co. A. 13th Mich. Inft., Allegan	88
Killeen, John, Co. E. 8th N. Y. Cavl., Portland	89
Keeler, F. D., Co. D. 16th Mich. Inft., Saginaw	95
Lightcap, A. H., Co. I. 38th O. V. Inft., Jackson	92
McDonald, James, Co. I. 7th Mich. Inft., Battle Creek	96
Nichols, T. H., Co. A. 2nd Mass. Inft., Jackson	88
Owen, Eugene, Co. I. 177th O. V. Inft., Grand Rapids	88
Parker, W. P., Co. G. 19th O. V. Inft., Lake Odessa	92
Stewart, Ira M., Co. K. 7th Ill. Cavl., Petoskey	90
Thompson, J. E., Co. K. 5th Mich. Inft., Davisburg	91
Warner, M. J., Co. H. 17th Ill. Cavl., Grand Rapids	90
Wood, N. R., Co. E. 196th O. V. Inft., Benton Harbor	89
Webber, T. O., Co. F. 12th Wis. Cavl., Hastings	88

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

Lansing, Michigan, July 19th, 1935.

General Order No. 1. Series 1935-1936.

I. In assuming command of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, I desire to sincerely thank you for this honor and the confidence you have placed in me. I earnestly request the cooperation of all my Comrades, our auxiliary, and allied Organizations. "In union there is strength."

II. LIST OF ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Commander—Ira M. Stewart, Post No. 170, Petoskey.
 Sr. Vice Commander—Theodore Burden, Post No. 145, Holly.
 Jr. Vice Commander—Edmond Rogers, Post No. 56, Allegan.
 Chaplain—J. P. Riley, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 Medical Director—George W. Howe, Post No. 98, Port Huron.
 Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General—Smith H. Carlton,
 Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 Judge Advocate—A. C. Estabrook, Post No. 56, Grand Rapids.
 Patriotic Instructor—John W. Finch, Post No. 83, Greenville.
 Chief-of-Staff—Isaac Grant, Post No. 451, Reed City.
 Sr. Aide—David Plumadore, Post No. 17, Detroit.
 Sergeant National Colors—A. F. Chappell, Post No. 17, Detroit.
 Sergeant Department Colors—N. R. Wood, Post No. 35, South Haven.

III. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

George W. Wilcox, Post No. 91, St. Louis.
 J. P. Riley, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 A. H. Lightcap, Post No. 48, Jackson.
 Eugene Owen, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.
 Theodore Burden, Post No. 145, Holly.

IV. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Isaac Grant, Delegate-at-large, Post No. 451, Reed City.
 John Beaumont, Post No. 181, Milford.
 Orlando LeValley, Post No. 143, Caro.
 M. J. Warner, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids.
 S. H. Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo.
 Edmond Rogers, Post No. 56, Allegan.

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

C. M. Rathburn, Alternate-at-large, Post No. 441, Mason.
 J. A. Hamilton, Post No. 42, Lansing.
 Gilbert LaCroix, Post No. 216, Mt. Clemens.
 J. W. Walker, Post No. 32, Battle Creek.
 M. J. Whitney, Post No. 17, Detroit.
 Ray Mitchell, Post No. 145, Flint.

V. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

George W. Wilcox, Chairman.
 J. P. Riley.
 A. H. Lightcap.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Orestus Blake, Post No. 48, Jackson.
 Howard C. Bond, Post No. 7, Muskegon.

SOLDIERS HOME COMMITTEE.

Frank D. Keeler, Post No. 38, Saginaw.
 John D. Killeen, Post No. 48, Jackson.

VI. The 69th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Grand Rapids, Mich., the week of September 8th. Michigan Headquarters will be established at Pantlind Hotel, Room No. 531. Comrades will be welcome.

A meeting of Delegates and those entitled to a seat in the Encampment will be held in Headquarters room, Tuesday evening, September 10th at 7:30. National badges will be distributed at this time, and any other business necessary. All Representatives are urged to be present.

VII. LIST AND RATES OF HOTELS.

PANTLIND HOTEL.

Single rooms without bath—\$2.00 per day.
 Double rooms without bath—\$3.00 per day.
 Single rooms with bath—\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00 per day.
 Double rooms with bath—\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, and \$6.00 per day.
 Rooms with twin beds and bath—\$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, and \$8.00 per day.
 Rooms with three single beds and bath—\$7.50 per day (three persons).
 \$2.50 per person.
 Rooms with two double beds and bath—\$8.00 per day (four persons).
 \$2.00 per person.
 Rooms with three double beds and bath—\$10.50 per day (\$1.75 per day per person). 6 persons.
 Rooms with four double beds and bath—\$12.00 per day (\$1.50 per day per person). 8 persons.
 Large corner suites of two connecting rooms with bath, accommodating six persons—\$12.00 per day (\$2.00 per day per person).

MORTON HOTEL.

Single room with private bath—\$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$4.00.
 Double room with private bath—\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, and \$5.00.
 Twin beds with private bath—\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, and \$6.00.
 Rooms with combination tub and shower begin at \$3.00, single.

HOTEL ROWE.

- 73 Rooms with toilet and lavatory—\$1.75 single, \$3.00 double.
 150 Rooms with tub and shower—\$2.50 single, \$3.50 double.
 20 Rooms with tub and shower—\$3.00 single, \$4.00 double.
 7 Rooms with tub and shower—\$3.50 single, \$5.00 double.
 14 Rooms—twin-bedded, tub and shower—\$6.00.
 6 Rooms—twin-bedded, tub and shower—\$5.00.

HOTEL BROWNING.

- Room with bath, single—\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50.
 Room with bath, double—\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50.
 Two rooms with bath, for 3 persons—\$4.00 to \$6.00.
 Two rooms with bath, for 4 persons—\$5.00 to \$7.00.

HOTEL CODY.

- Single court rooms—\$1.00.
 Single rooms without bath—\$1.25 and \$1.50.
 Double rooms without bath—\$1.75 and \$2.00.
 Rooms with 2 beds without bath, for 4 people—\$1.00 per person.
 Single rooms with bath—\$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
 Double rooms with bath—\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50.
 Rooms with bath accommodating 3 people—\$2.00 per person. 2 beds.
 Rooms with bath accommodating 4 people—\$2.00 per person. 2 beds.

HOTEL HERMITAGE.

- Rooms without bath, single \$1.00, double \$1.50.
 Rooms with bath, single \$1.50, double \$2.00.
 Rooms for 4 people, without bath—\$3.00.
 Rooms for 4 people, with bath—\$5.00.

NEW HOTEL MERTENS.

TOM LUCE.

- Room without bath, 1 in a room—\$1.25.
 Room without bath, 2 in a room—\$2.00.
 Room without bath, 3 in a room—\$2.50.
 Room with bath, 1 in a room—\$2.00.
 Room with bath, 2 in a room—3.00.
 Room with connecting bath, 2 in a room—\$5.00.

All reservations for rooms should be made to E. H. Beecher, General Chairman, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids.

Identification Certificate for railroad rates will be furnished by application to Department Headquarters, Capitol, Lansing. Box 433.

IX. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic I again pledge to you my Loyalty and Devotion.

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
 Department Commander.

Attest:
S. H. Carlton,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Lansing, Michigan, November 15th, 1935.

General Orders No. 2. Series of 1935-1936.

I. The Sixty-ninth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the City of Grand Rapids the week of September 8th to 14th, 1935. To its citizens we are again deeply grateful for their hospitality, and many courtesies extended. The Department of Michigan was located at the Pantlind Hotel, where greetings were extended to all visitors. Thirty-six Michigan Comrades were registered.

II. Wednesday A. M., September 11th, occurred the Annual Parade, which was viewed by thousands. Steps were a little more feeble, but heads were erect as the sound of the Fife and Drum filled the air.

III. Business sessions were held in the Ball Room of the Pantlind Hotel. Comrade Oley Nelson of Iowa was elected Commander-in-Chief and our own Comrade A. C. Estabrook, Sr., Vice-Commander-in-Chief. The Department extends congratulations.

The Seventieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the city of Washington, D. C., September 21st to 27th, 1936.

IV. Report Blanks for December 31st, 1935, are enclosed. Please fill out and return promptly, with Per Capita Tax of 10c per member, to S. H. Carlton, Asst. Adj. General, Lansing, Mich., Box 433, that our report to National Headquarters may not be delayed.

Blanks for Patriotic Instructors are also enclosed. Fill out and return same to the Department Patriotic Instructor, John W. Finch, Greenville, Mich.

V. Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and New Years are rapidly approaching—to every Comrade and member of our Auxiliary and Allied Organizations I extend cordial greetings. Let no one say “I HAVE NOTHING TO GIVE.”

**“ONE SMILE CAN GLORIFY A DAY,
 ONE WORD NEW HOPE IMPART,
 NOT ONE OF US NEED EVER SAY
 I HAVE NO ALMS TO GIVE AWAY
 IF LOVE BE IN OUR HEART.”**

IN MEMORIUM.

With sincere sorrow we announce the death of our Department Chaplain, Comrade J. P. Riley, which occurred at his home in Kalamazoo, Sunday, October 6th, 1935. He was a member of Co. C, 20th Michigan Infantry, having enlisted at the age of 17 years. He was a loyal member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and an honored citizen in the community in which he had spent many years. To the widow and family the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic extend deepest sympathy.

**“HE HAS PASSED TO REALMS ABOVE,
OUT OF THIS WORLD OF STRIFE,
TO RECEIVE, THROUGH OUR FATHER’S LOVE,
THE REWARD OF A WELL SPENT LIFE.”**

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Attest:

S. H. Carlton,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Lansing, Michigan, April 21, 1936.

General Orders No. 3. Series 1935-1936.

**“Cherish their memories, these unsullied braves,
Bring choicest of flowers to strew o’er their graves.
Of thy tears and thy prayers unsparingly give,
To the Heroes who died that a nation might live.”**

I. Saturday, May 30th, will be observed as Memorial Day in accordance with General Orders issued by General John A. Logan, Commander-in-Chief, dated May 5th, 1868.

Many years have passed, but on each recurring May 30th the loyal Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic have paid tribute to their honored dead. In this beautiful and impressive ceremony we have had the assistance of our Sons of Veterans, allied organizations, and later the Veterans of the Spanish and World War. Thus we have honored the Soldiers of all wars who paid the full measure of devotion to their country.

Let us continue to place on the grave of each Comrade the Flag for which he fought and the choicest of our spring blossoms.

All Comrades, who are able, are requested to visit the public schools during the week preceding Memorial Day, also to attend Memorial Services Sunday, 24th.

Memorial Day blanks accompany these General Orders. Fill out and mail to Comrade Orestus Blake, 115 South Gorham St., Jackson, Mich., Acting Chaplain.

- II. *"The bravest battle that ever was fought?
Shall I tell you where and when?
On the maps of the world you'll find it not,
'Twas fought by the mothers of men".*

On Sunday, May 10th, let us all wear a white carnation in honor of our Mothers.

III. JUNE 14th—FLAG DAY

"Filled with significance are my colors or red, white and blue into which have been woven the strength and courage of American manhood, the love and loyalty of American womanhood.

Every member of the Grand Army of the Republic and allied organizations are requested to display the Flag on Flag Day.

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Attest:

S. H. Carlton,
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April 21, 1936.

General Orders No. 4. Series 1935-1936.

I. The Fifty-Eighth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Battle Creek June 10th, 11th, 12th, 1936, with headquarters at the Post Tavern. Comrades may register and receive badges in the hotel lobby Wednesday A. M., June 10th. 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 No. 49, Wednesday, June 10th, at 9 A. M. The Executive Committee will audit the books and accounts of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and transact such other business as may be deemed necessary.

III. The first session of the Encampment will be called to order at 2 P. M. Wednesday, June 10th, in parlor of Post Tavern, first floor. Official programs will give complete details of all meetings and entertainments.

IV. HOTEL RATES—POST TAVERN

Rooms without bath, for one person	\$2.00
Rooms without bath, for two persons	3.00
Rooms with toilet and lavatory, 1 person	2.25
Rooms with toilet and lavatory, two persons	3.50
Rooms with bath, 1 person	2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00
Rooms with bath, two persons	4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00
Rooms with twin beds	5.00, 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00

For reservations in hotel, address C. H. Montgomery, Manager.

For reservations in private homes, address Chamber of Commerce, Battle Creek, Mich.

V. COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

COMRADE A. C. ESTABROOK,
COMRADE EUGENE OWEN,
COMRADE THEODORE BURDEN.

Other Committees will be appointed at the Encampment.

VI. The National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Washington, D. C., September 20th-26th, 1936.

VII. IN MEMORIAM

The Department Commander announces with sincere sorrow, the death of two more of our official family.

John W. Finch—Patriotic Instructor, died in New Port Richey, Florida, November 29th, 1935.

George W. Howe—Medical Director, died at his home, Port Huron, February 16th, 1936.

They were loyal and faithful members of the Grand Army of the Republic.

“We shall meet, but we shall miss them”.

Comrade Frank D. Keeler will act as Patriotic Instructor.

By Command of
IRA M. STEWART,
Department Commander.

Attest:

S. H. Carlton,
Assistant Adjutant General.

In Memoriam

*"In the Twilight Land of Shadow, in the Silent Realm of Rest,
By the evening floods of sunlight, and the morning sunbeams blest;
'Neath the fragrance of the blossoms, where the vines and flowers
Creep,
Ever lulled by Siren Breezes, do our honored heroes sleep.
They have sailed Life's stormy Ocean, they have lived Life's sunlit
Day,
They have builded a republic, that will never pass away.
To the Shadowy Shores of Sunset, o'er the Purple Hills They've
Gone,
They have crossed to that Horizon, where the Dusk waits for the
Dawn."*

(Robert Baker)

MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1935

Custer Post No. 5, Grand Rapids					
Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Frank Wood.....	Private.....	L	79th Ohio Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Mar. 15, 1935
Phil Kearney Post No. 7, Muskegon					
C. H. Depuy.....	Sergeant.....	D	1st Ill. Light Artillery.....	Muskegon.....	Jan. 1935
J. L. Bigelow.....	Private.....	F	68th Ohio.....	Muskegon.....	Sept. 10, 1935
W. H. Simpson.....	Private.....	E	10th N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Muskegon.....	Nov. 2, 1935
John A. Dix Post No. 9, Hesperia					
Henry E. Waterman.....	Private.....	I	186th N. Y. Infantry.....	Hesperia.....	Sept. 6, 1935
I. B. Richardson Post No. 13, Harbor Springs					
Charles Tanner.....	Private.....	C	23rd Ohio Infantry.....	Harbor Springs.....	Oct. 4, 1935
George H. Thomas Post No. 14, Benton Harbor					
C. A. Taylor.....	No Record.....			Benton Harbor.....	1935
Geo. Wolff.....	Private.....	C	13th Ind. Cavalry.....	Benton Harbor.....	1935
Fred Van Camp.....	No record.....			Benton Harbor.....	1935
Fairbanks Post No. 17, Detroit					
Charles E. Sanborn.....	Private.....		8th N. Y. Artillery.....	Detroit.....	Jan. 29, 1935

William Perrott Post No. 22, Buchanan

Samuel Bunker.....	Private.....	K	11th Michigan Cavalry.....	Buchanan.....	Dec. 22, 1935
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Joe Hooker Post No. 26, Hart

Daniel W. Kelly.....	Private.....	No record	Hart.....	Sept. 25, 1935
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Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek

John Blakely.....	Private.....	K	13th Michigan Infantry.....	Battle Creek.....	May 28, 1935
Jerome Morse.....	Private.....	K	44th Indiana Infantry.....	Battle Creek.....	Aug. 12, 1935

Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven

Henry C. Dow.....	Landsman.....	Pennsylvania.....	South Haven.....	Mar. 18, 1935
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Chas. T. Foeter Post No. 42, Lansing

Judson Jones.....	Private.....	K	38th Ohio.....	Lansing.....	Mar. 1, 1935
John E. Walker.....	Private.....	A	8th Michigan Cavalry.....	Lansing.....	Aug. 10, 1935
John Riley.....	Private.....	I	72nd Ohio Infantry.....	Grand Ledge.....	Sept. 1, 1935

Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian

John C. Anderson.....	Private.....	K	11th Michigan Infantry.....	Adrian.....	Feb. 10, 1935
James White.....	Private.....	E	11th Michigan Cavalry.....	Adrian.....	June 22, 1935

Edward Pomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson

W. W. Wright.....	Private.....	G	18th Michigan Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Mar. 7, 1935
James Spencer.....	Sergeant.....	K	20th Michigan Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Mar. 16, 1935
Emery O. Alverson.....	Private.....	.....	11th Mich. Cavi. and U. S. Res.	Jackson.....	April 29, 1935
A. N. Sova.....	Private.....	B	N. Y. Artillery.....	Jackson.....	Aug. 25, 1935
Gifford Ellenwood.....	Private.....	Y	163rd Ohio Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Nov. 9, 1935

U. S. Grant Post No. 67, Bay City

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Don Chaplin.....	No record.....	.....	.....	Bay City.....	Feb. 1935

Shields Post No. 68, Shelby

J. B. Dorrance.....	Private.....	C	11th Michigan Infantry.....	Shelby.....	May 26, 1935
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Orcutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo

Peter Stevens.....	Corporal.....	B	First Michigan Sharp Shooters.....	Kalamazoo.....	Sept. 5, 1935
J. P. Riley.....	Private.....	C	20th Michigan Infantry.....	Kalamazoo.....	Oct. 7, 1935

Wm. A. Kent Post No. 83, Greenville

Martin W. Kelsey.....	Private.....	G	2nd N. Y. Heavy Artillery.....	Lakeview.....	April 26, 1935
John W. Finch.....	Private.....	E	46th Iowa Infantry.....	Greenville.....	Nov. 28, 1935

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

L. B. Longwell.....	Private.....	A	12th Ohio Cavalry.....	St. Louis.....	Oct. 11, 1935
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William Sanborn Post No. 98, Port Huron

Augustus Horn.....	Private.....	E	22nd Michigan Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	Jan. 19, 1935
Robert Muttart.....	Corporal.....	H	4th Michigan Infantry.....	Port Huron.....	Jan. 29, 1935

Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

Stephen M. Teachout.....	.....	Bat. F	1st Michigan Light Artillery.....	Coldwater.....	Aug. 4, 1935
Jacob Nodel.....	Private.....	D	66th N. Y. Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	Oct. 12, 1935

John Gilluly Post No. 114, Fowlerville

Alfred H. Smith.....	Private.....	15th N. Y. Cavalry.....	Fowlerville.....	Aug. 6, 1935
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Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor

George H. Wade.....	Corporal.....	I	Merrill Horse.....	Ann Arbor.....	Jan. 1, 1935
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Governor Crapo Post No. 145, Flint

George Raab.....	Private.....	F	4th Michigan Cavalry.....	Flint.....	Mar. 11, 1935
Thomas Warren.....	Private.....	B	11th Michigan Infantry.....	Flint.....	

Dick Richardson Post No. 147, Pontiac

Charles B. Nesbitt.....	Private.....	F	16th Michigan Infantry.....	Pontiac.....	Feb. 1935
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Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey

Flavel J. Smith.....	Private.....	H	4th Michigan Infantry.....	Petoskey.....	Mar. 2, 1935
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L. C. Woodman Post No. 196, Lawton

Thomas S. Nesbitt.....	Private.....	G	28th Michigan Infantry.....	Lawton.....	Dec. 31, 1935
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E. W. Hollingsworth Post No. 210, Albion

John S. Kikendall.....	Private.....	A	11th Michigan Cavalry.....	Albion.....	Oct. 5, 1935
Alva Counterman.....	Private.....	A	11th Michigan Infantry.....	Albion.....	

Detroit Post No. 384, Detroit

William T. Gage.....	Private.....	7th Squadron, R. I. Cavalry.....	Detroit.....	Feb. 7, 1935
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Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, Grand Rapids

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Amos L. Cole.....	Private.....	B	30th Michigan Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Feb. 17, 1935
George H. Kirtland.....	Private.....	E	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	May 4, 1935

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

A. H. Wells.....	Private.....	G	1st Michigan Regular.....	Detroit.....	Jan. 3, 1935
Thomas Courtney.....	Private.....	F	1st Michigan Infantry.....	Detroit.....	Sept. 3, 1935

Steel Bros. Post No. 441, Mason

Benjamin Dearing.....	Sergeant.....	C	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Millburn, N. J.....	Mar. 12, 1935
William O. Hendryx.....	Corporal.....	H	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Cohoctah.....	April 6, 1935
Hamilton Davis.....	Private.....	G	9th Michigan Infantry.....	New Haven.....	Dec. 9, 1935
Charles W. Rathburn.....	Private.....	D	12th Mass. Inf. Hosp. Sew., U.S.A.	Mason.....	Dec. 20, 1935

John Hunter Post No. 455, Montrose

A. R. Ellis.....	No record.....				1935
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**"IF GOD HATH MADE THIS WORLD SO FAIR;
 WHERE SIN AND DEATH ABOUND,
 HOW BEAUTIFUL BEYOND COMPARE,
 WILL PARADISE BE FOUND."**

RESUME

The Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, was organized as a Provisional Department, May 8th, 1867, in the City of Detroit, by General R. A. Alger, who became the first Commander. He was followed by William A. Throop—William Humphreys.

In March of 1878 the Department of Michigan barely existed. There were supposed to be four Posts but in reality there were but two that showed any signs of life.

January 22nd, 1879, the Department of Michigan was re-organized with the following Officers, Posts and Members:

Department Commander	C. V. R. Pond
Dept. Sr. Vice Commander	N. H. Biglow
Dept. Jr. Vice Commander	W. A. Palmer
Chaplain	C. R. DeClute
Medical Director	N. J. Pierce

Council of Administration

A. D. McReynolds
 J. C. Messmore
 J. Ellis
 Dan W. Sawyer
 H. H. Weaver

Posts

Van Pelt Post No. 1	Coldwater
C. O. Loomis Post No. 2	Quincy
N. H. Ferry Post No. 3	Montague
Phil Sheriden Post No. 4	Reading
Custer Post No. 5	Grand Rapids
Parker Post No. 6	Petersburg

The following numbers show the gain and loss of Posts and members in the Department of Mich. after it was re-organized—year by year from Jan., 1879, to Jan., 1936:

Year.	Posts.	Members.	Year.	Posts.	Members.
1879	6	127	1908	318	10,688
1880	9	281	1909	313	10,220
1881	13	482	1910	311	9,854
1882	27	1,019	1911	309	9,372
1883	100	4,442	1912	286	8,707
1884	209	10,311	1913	279	8,226
1885	288	14,475	1914	271	7,821
1886	316	16,957	1915	267	7,452
1887	348	19,226	1916	263	6,995
1888	371	21,353	1917	252	6,257
1889	373	21,418	1918	240	5,553
1890	377	21,255	1919	238	5,115
1891	375	20,765	1920	227	4,667
1892	391	20,905	1921	212	4,000
1893	390	20,469	1922	197	3,386
1894	384	19,020	1923	193	3,105
1895	383	18,059	1924	190	2,836
1896	373	16,766	1925	149	2,377
1897	382	16,096	1926	125	1,882
1898	385	15,831	1927	119	1,563
1899	386	15,531	1928	112	1,212
1900	382	15,102	1929	109	991
1901	375	14,930	1930	102	817
1902	368	14,406	1931	97	656
1903	359	13,716	1932	89	550
1904	355	13,168	1933	81	418
1905	346	12,282	1934	78	314
1906	340	11,566	1935	68	244
1907	326	11,068	1936	66	198

29 of the 66 remaining Posts have but one member.

The report of the Adjutant General's Dept. at Washington showed that according to records, the actual number of men furnished by Michigan from the beginning of the War to Nov. 1, 1864, was 83,347.

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. Janes
1885	East Saginaw	Rush J. Shank
1886	Jackson	Charles D. Long
1887	Grand Rapids	John Northwood
1888	Lansing	L. G. Rutherford
1889	Bay City	Washington Gardner
1890	Adrian	Michael Brown
1891	Muskegon	Henry M. Duffield
1892	Ann Arbor	Charles L. Eaton
1893	Benton Harbor	Henry S. Dean
1894	Owosso	James H. Kidd
1895	Mt. Clemens	Louis Kanitz
1896	Saginaw	S. B. Daboll
1897	Greenville	William Shakespeare
1898	Port Huron	Aaron T. Bliss
1899	Petoskey	Alex L. Patrick
1900	Grand Rapids	Russell R. Peeler
1901	Flint	E. M. Allen
1902	Pontiac	James Van Kleek
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
1932	Petoskey	Orestus Blake
1933	Saginaw	Orestus Blake
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“Heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic”

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

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