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OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY
of the REPUBLIC

HELD AT
GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 13, 14, 15, 1938

WITH ADDRESS
OF
S. H. CARLTON, *Department Commander*
AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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

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

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

**Headquarters Department of Michigan,
Grand Army of the Republic,
Lansing, 1938.**

Hon. Frank Murphy, Governor of the State of Michigan :

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Sixtieth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic held in Grand Rapids, June 13th, 14th and 15th, 1938, as required by the statutes.

**S. H. CARLTON,
Department Commander.**

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

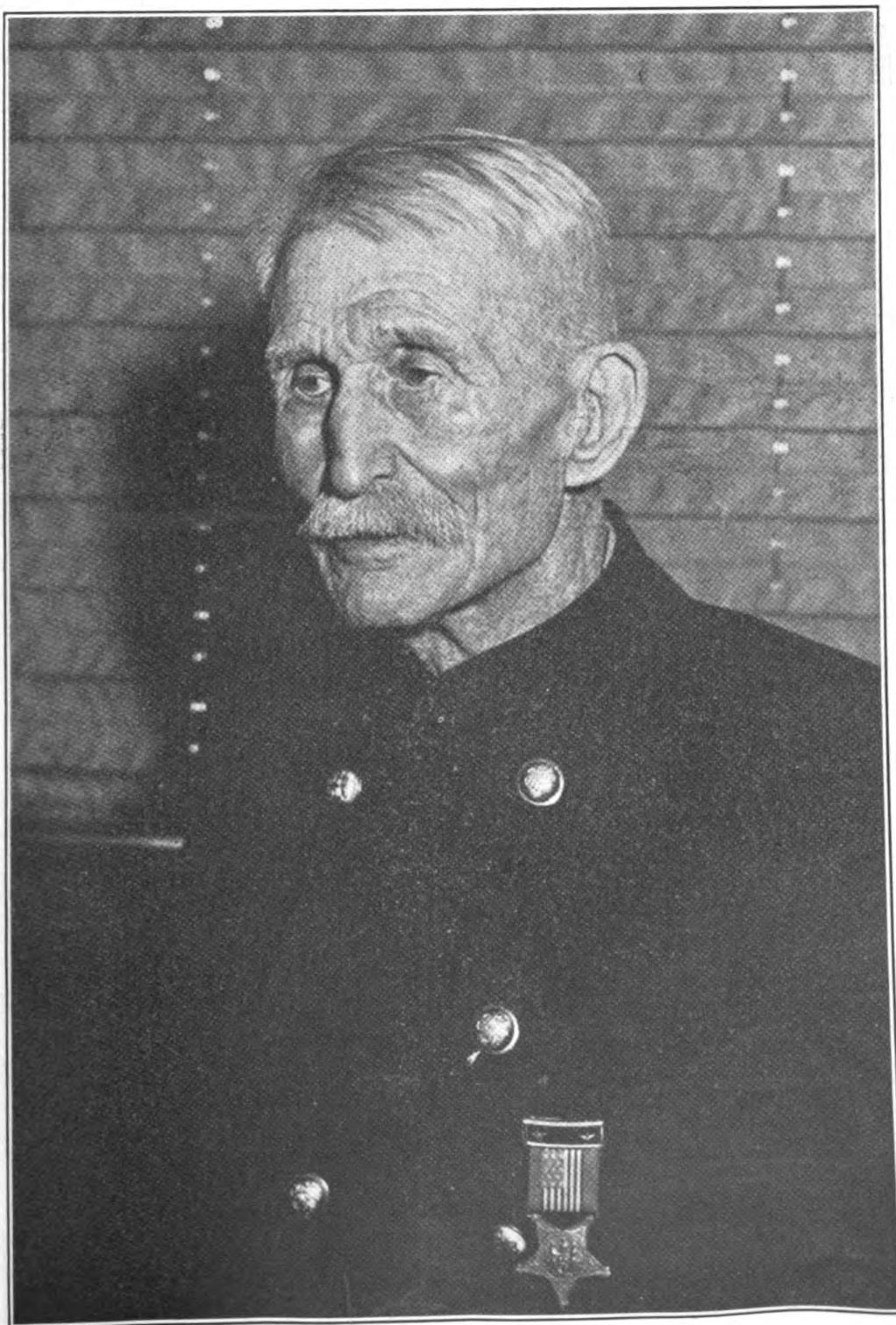
1937-1938

Department Commander—S. H. Carlton	Kalamazoo
Department Sr. Vice Commander—J. F. Beaumont	Milford
Department Jr. Vice Commander—Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids
Chaplain—Orlanda LeValley	Caro
Medical Director—A. F. Chappelle	Detroit
Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook	Grand Rapids
Judge Advocate—Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey
Patriotic Instructor—A. S. Beardsley	Detroit
Chief of Staff—Isaac Grant (Died in Office)	Reed City
Sr. Aide—John Killeen	Portland
Sergeant of National Colors—Andrew Blye	Fenton
Sergeant of Department Colors—David Plumadore	Detroit

**NATIONAL OFFICERS
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

1937-1938

Commander-in-Chief—Overton H. Mennet	Los Angeles, Cal.
Sr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Henry Held	West Allis, Wis.
Jr. Vice Commander-in-Chief—Robert M. Rownd	Ripley, N. Y.
Surgeon General—Dr. E. H. Cowan	Crawfordsville, Ind.
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. Martin V. Stone	Jamestown, N. Y.
Adjutant General—Russell C. Martin	Los Angeles, Cal.
Quartermaster General—Samuel S. Fowler	Philadelphia, Pa.
Judge Advocate—James W. Willett	Tama, Iowa
Inspector General—R. H. Hoffman	Denver, Colo.
National Patriotic Instructor—Rustan O. Reed	Seattle, Wash.
Asst. Adj. General—Joseph B. Henninger	Indianapolis, Ind.
Chief of Staff—George N. Lockwood	Los Angeles, Cal.
Sr. Aide-de-Camp—J. W. Carroll	Lisbon, N. D.



S. H. CARLTON
Department Commander
Kalamazoo, Michigan



A. C. ESTABROOK
Assistant Adjutant and
Quartermaster General

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
Ethan 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, deceased	Jackson, 1931-32
Orestus Blake, deceased	Jackson, 1932-33
Charles M. Cook, (died in office)	Kalamazoo, 1933-34
John Killeen	Jackson, 1933-34
Frank D. Keeler, deceased	Saginaw, 1934-35
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1935-36
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1936-37
S. H. Carlton	Kalamazoo, 1937-38

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, deceased	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, deceased	Holly, 1935-36
Theodore Burden, (died in office)	Holly, 1936-37
J. F. Beaumont	Milford, 1937-38

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

S. B. Kitchell, deceased	Coldwater, 1878
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879
W. A. Palmer, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1879-80
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, deceased	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
Allison 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, deceased	Saginaw, 1932-33
John W. Finch, deceased	Greenville, 1933-34
John W. Finch, deceased	Greenville, 1934-35
Edmond Rogers, deceased	Allegan, 1935-36
J. F. Beaumont	Milford, 1936-37
Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, 1937-38

ROSTER.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC. JANUARY 1, 1938.

- JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.**
Chartered December 9, 1887. Membership 4.
Post Commander—James F. Ives
Charles Waltz. Peter Delamater. Jordan Barr
- CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**
Chartered September 27, 1878. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Eugene Owen.
Member.
Martin J. Warner.
- C. J. DICKERSON POST NO. 6, HILLSDALE.**
Chartered February 26, 1878. Membership 2.
Post Commander—George A. Slayton.
H. W. Chase.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- WILLIAM BELL POST NO. 10, DUNDEE.**
Chartered October 16, 1879. Membership 1.
Post Commander—George W. Francesco.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**
Chartered May 9, 1881. Membership 6.
Post Commander—A. F. Chappelle.
David Plumadore. Isaac L. Greusel. William H. Jackson.
Peter P. Miller. Emory Morris
- A. LINCOLN POST NO. 19, BANGOR.**
Chartered May 20, 1881. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Harrison Ashley.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- FENTON POST NO. 24, FENTON.**
Chartered August 19, 1881. Membership 2.
Post Commander—I. H. Lawrence.
Andrew Bly.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
- DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**
Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 2.
Post Commander—A. S. Beardsley.
George W. Wilt.
- FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**
Chartered November 31, 1881. Membership 3.
Post Commander—John W. Walker.
Winfield Faith. James McDonald.
- ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**
Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 3.
Post Commander—Nelson R. Wood.
John Eitel. William W. Buys.
- CHAS. T. FOSTER POST NO. 42, LANSING.**
Chartered February 2, 1882. Membership 4.
Post Commander—James A. Hamilton.
James Kennedy. George E. Osborn. Joseph Covert.

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- WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**
Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 4.
Post Commander—Baker J. Cole.
Charles E. Riker. Grovenor Vanderpool. J. H. Pangborn.
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- EDWARD POMERY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**
Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 5.
Post Commander—John Killeen.
Anson Croman. A. H. Lightcap. Lewis H. Brower.
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- C. J. BASSETT POST NO. 56, ALLEGAN.**
Chartered April 25, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander—William Burnett.
A. C. Estabrook. Willard Moore.
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- U. S. GRANT POST NO. 67, BAY CITY.**
Chartered June 12, 1882. Membership 3.
Post Commander—Martin Heath.
John Webster. Comrade Grooms.
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- SHIELDS POST NO. 68, SHELBY.**
Chartered July 27, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—E. M. Holt.
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- ORCUTT POST NO. 79, KALAMAZOO.**
Chartered September 20, 1882. Membership 2.
Post Commander—S. H. Carlton.
Lewis Seargent.
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- WILLIAM SANBORN POST NO. 98, PORT HURON.**
Chartered December 30, 1882. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Orin Sitts.
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- BUTTERWORTH POST NO. 109, COLDWATER.**
Chartered March 17, 1883. Membership 3.
Post Commander—L. S. Daniells.
Jefferson Burns. Henry Stall.
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- FITZGERALD POST NO. 125, HASTINGS**
Chartered April 11, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—T. O. Webber.
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- WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**
Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Orlanda LeValley.
Lyman C. Grady.
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- LOMBARD POST NO. 170, PETOSKEY.**
Chartered August 11, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Ira M. Stewart.
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- HEBER LEFAVOR POST NO. 181, MILFORD.**
Chartered September 3, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—John F. Beaumont.
George Sturtevant.
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- FRANK POWEL POST NO. 187, OXFORD.**
Chartered September 27, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Samuel Adams.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- GEORGE C. WHITNEY POST NO. 188, HADLEY.**
Chartered October 5, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Nathan Green.
Cared for by Sons of Veterans.

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- L. B. QUACKENBUSH POST NO. 205, OWOSSO.**
Chartered December 21, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Samuel Spencer.
Isaac Hodgkins.
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- E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**
Chartered January 4, 1883. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Jacob Perrine.
James Harrington.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- WM. H. BORDEN POST NO. 211, IONIA.**
Chartered December 23, 1883. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Lemuel Tingley.
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- H. D. TERRY POST NO. 216, MT. CLEMENS.**
Chartered January 7, 1884. Membership 1.
Post Commander—Gilbert LaCroix.
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- ANDREWS POST NO. 294, BIG RAPIDS.**
Chartered January 15, 1885. Membership 2.
Post Commander—David Cantine.
Comrade Russel.
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.
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- DETROIT POST NO. 334, DETROIT.**
Chartered May 21, 1887. Membership 2.
Post Commander—John L. Hinman.
A. E. Stewart.
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- 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.
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- GEN. O. M. POE POST NO. 433, DETROIT**
Chartered November 18, 1893. Membership 4.
Post Commander—John Hains.
Joseph Craver. Milton Slater. James J. Atkinson.
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- STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**
Chartered December 31, 1897. Membership 2.
Post Commander—Dennis McGonegal.
Holden Albro.
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- J. M. POND POST NO. 460, SAUGATUCK.**
Chartered February 9, 1903. Membership 1.
Post Commander—J. J. Brown.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

HELD AT
GRAND RAPIDS—JUNE 13, 14, 15, 1938

WITH ADDRESS OF

S. H. CARLTON, *Department Commander*

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

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 1938.

MEZZANINE FLOOR, PANTLIND HOTEL.

The sixtieth annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order by Commander S. H. Carlton, who extended greetings to the Comrades and declared the meeting opened.

Commander Carlton: The first business is to appoint the Officer of the Day and Officer of the Guard which we will have to combine, as there is only one man among us who is capable of making and doing the traveling necessary. That person is Comrade Stewart.

Volunteers were then asked for the appointment of Chaplain. As there were no volunteers, Commander Carlton appointed A. F. Chappelle.

Thus, the following officers were then appointed to serve during the session:

Officer of the Day }
Officer of the Guard } Ira M. Stewart

Chaplain—A. F. Chappelle

Commander Carlton: Will the Chaplain please open this sixtieth encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic by giving us a prayer?

Chaplain: We thank thee, Almighty Father, for our lives; for Thy guidance at all times; for Thy constant care in our hours of danger and need; and for Thy mercy which has kept us until this hour. Comfort and be always with our Comrades who suffer from disease or wounds, and with the widows and orphans of our fallen Comrades. Bless our beloved country. Bless our Order; make it an instrument of great good; keep our names on the roll of Thy servants, and at the last receive us

into that Grand Army above, where Thou, O God, art the Supreme Commander. Amen.

Commander Carlton: Mrs. Davidson will now call the roll.

Mrs. Davidson called the roll, and the following officers were present:
Department Commander—S. H. Carlton, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Department Sr. Vice Commander—J. F. Beaumont, Milford, Mich.

Department Jr. Vice Commander—Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Medical Director—A. F. Chappelle, Detroit, Mich.

A. A. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook, Grand Rapids.

Judge Advocate—Ira M. Stewart, Petoskey, Mich.

Serg't Department Colors—David Plumadore, Detroit, Mich.

Albert C. Estabrook was then appointed Counsellor by Commander Carlton.

Commander Carlton: As we have always abided by Comrade Estabrook's counsel, so will we continue to do the same.

The Department Commander's Annual Report was read by Commander Carlton.

Dept. Sr. Vice Commander takes the chair.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Kalamazoo, Mich., June 13, 1938.

To the Officers and Members:

Dear Comrades:

This is more of a fireside chat than a report. The Department Commander has done so little during the past year, I almost wonder he has escaped impeachment. Realizing human limitations we had misgivings, on assuming command although appreciating the high honor and at no time would exchange titles with the Chief Executive of our State. Due to the efficiency, and activity, and good will of the Department staff and apparent support of every member of the Department, the duties of the Commander have been light and pleasant, and congenial in all respects. I have had courtesy transportation in most cases. I didn't ask "will you take me?" I was asked "will you go?" Much of my transportation was by the courtesy of Department Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, Lynn Tiffany, as escort and attendant.

The only sad experience was noting the passing of nearly one-half of our members who have answered the last Roll Call during the past year. The most impressive gatherings I have attended were the last Rites for Comrades of which I have been able to attend, and I have attended all of which I have had notice, conducted by Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and World War Veterans. All efficient, willing and impressive. I have seen strong men weep at the ritual service at the grave of departed comrades. I have affiliated with and have been honored by nearly all ex-service organizations, and their auxiliaries, all in the name of the Grand Army. Without detail I want to repeat and emphasize

all the appreciation ever expressed or recorded of the services and cooperation of our allied organizations, too numerous to mention.

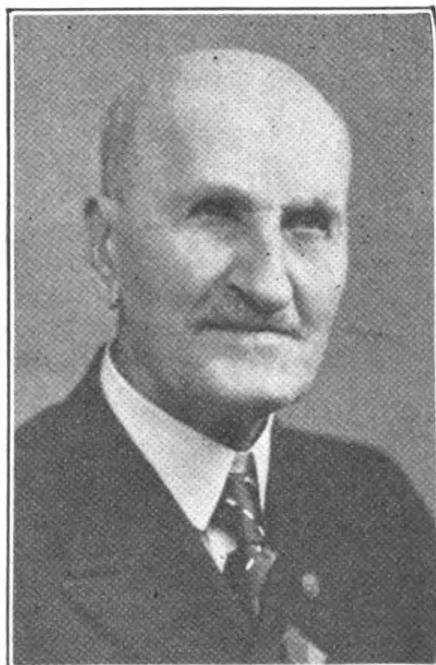
In conclusion I have two recommendations to offer. First, our members are vanishing, we see the "handwriting on the wall", and should put our house in order. We may leave some assets to be disposed of when we are gone. We all know of the faithful services of our Department Secretary, Ida Davidson. I hope a substantial recognition of her devotion to this Department will be provided for at this encampment, and be made a legal record, as the last will and testament of the Department. I would also recommend that future encampments be held after the schools close for the benefit of the Junior League of America, who are now in school. This is a worthy auxiliary calculated to promote patriotism in school life.

Again I thank the Comrades and allied organizations for all their kindness during the past year.

S. H. CARLTON,
Com. Dept. of Mich. G. A. R.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that the report of the Department Commander be adopted without reference to the committee. Motion is carried.

The Senior Vice Commander then gave his report:



J. F. BEAUMONT

Senior Vice Commander: I have but a very small report to make. On Memorial Day I saw that all the posts and all the boys were remembered, and their graves were decorated with flowers and flags. This is the only point I have to make to you this afternoon.

Report accepted.

The Junior Vice Commander then gave his report.

Junior Vice Commander: On Mother's Day I went to the Soldiers' Home, where I had a splendid time. Chaplain Swartz gave a talk. I never attended a better service for Mother's Day. On Decoration Day, three Comrades were at the Soldiers' Home. I saw there the monument. There was a meeting there with the sons and veterans, and there was preaching and talking. The Gettysburg Address was given.

Report accepted.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER
GENERAL, DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Grand Rapids, Michigan,
June 1, 1938.

To S. H. Carlton, Department Commander.

In accordance with Rules and Regulations I herewith submit my report for the year ending June 1, 1938.

Number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1937.....	45	
LOSSES DURING THE YEAR		
By surrender of Charter (All died)	10	
Number of Posts in good standing June 1, 1938.....	35	
MEMBERSHIP		
Number of members in good standing June 1, 1937.....	120	
LOSSES DURING THE YEAR		
By Death	42	
Number of members in good standing June 1, 1938.....	78	
Funds on hand June 1, 1937.....		\$2,527.03
RECEIPTS		
Interest from Standard Savings & Loan Co.....	\$73.50	
Refund from Post No. 120, Howell.....	8.79	
Per Capita Tax	7.80	
Past Post Commanders Badge.....	1.00	91.09
		\$2,618.12
DISBURSEMENTS		
Express on Flags, to Detroit and Madison.....	\$2.42	
Floral Wreath for Comrade Blake.....	10.00	
Postmaster, for rent of box No. 433.....	6.00	
Badge for Secretary	1.00	
Elenor Stables, Encampment expenses.....	3.00	
Postage	32.54	

Traveling expenses, Commander Carlton.....	4.65	
Traveling expenses, Postage, Telegram, A. C. Estabrook, Asst. Adj. General	16.85	
Traveling expenses of Ida F. Davidson, Secretary.....	7.50	
S. S. Fowler, Quartermaster General, for Badge.....	.95	
S. S. Fowler, Quartermaster General, for Per Capita Tax	1.52	86.43
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Balance on hand June 1, 1938.....		\$2,531.69
In Standard Savings & Loan Co.....	\$2,000.00	
In closed bank	182.02	
Cash on hand	349.67	
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		\$2,531.69

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

A. C. ESTABROOK.

Moved and supported that report be accepted and placed on file—
Carried.

Commander Carlton then appointed the Resolution Committee, consisting of the following members:

Comrade Chappelle
Comrade Stewart

The report of the Department Patriotic Instructor was then read by Mrs. Davidson.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

Detroit, Michigan, June 1938.

S. H. Carlton, Department Commander:

Dear Comrade: As the years increase, we, who are left realize the time has come when we must pass over to our Allied Organizations, this patriotic work, which has been so dear to us.

Very few reports have been sent in, however, many Comrades, like myself, have visited the Public Schools where they have been enthusiastically received by the teachers and scholars, and we feel sure the coming generations will be loyal and true to their Country and their Flag for which we fought.

We do not hesitate to leave this grand work in the hands of our Allied Organizations.

I deeply appreciate the honor of being a member of your official family and thank you very much, also the members of all the patriotic organizations who have been courteous and kind to me.

Loyally Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

AVERY S. BEARDSLEY,
Department Patriotic Instructor.

The report of the Department Chaplain was read by Mrs. Davidson.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN

Caro, Michigan, June, 1938.

S. H. Carlton, Department Commander.

On account of the extreme old age of our members of the Grand Army of the Republic, the duties of Decoration Day have been taken over by the Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of Veterans and our Allied Organizations. So efficiently has this work been carried on that we have no fear that in the coming years "The Comrade who sleeps beneath the sod or waves" will never be forgotten.

Reports were received from Posts No. 1, 5, 17, 35, 42, 79, 143, 181, 216. Hundreds of graves were decorated and hundreds of school children participated in the exercises. All comrades, who were able attended the services.

It has been an honor to be a member of your Official Family and I deeply regret my inability to be present at the Encampment.

Loyally yours in F. C. L.,
ORLANDO LE VALLEY, Dept. Chaplain.

Reports accepted and placed on file.

Commander Carlton retired to open the Women's Relief Corps convention.

Commander Carlton: While I am gone, I will appoint Comrade Estabrook to continue the meeting.

A recess was then called in order to hear the serenade of the Spanish War Veterans' Drum Corps. There was also music from the Junior Choir of the Spanish War Drum Corps.

Commander Carlton then returned.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that we proceed to the election of the delegates to the National Convention.

Motion seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: We have moved to vote collectively. I nominate Comrade Chappelle as delegate at large.

Motion seconded and carried.

Two delegates were then nominated and elected:

First—Gilbert LaCroix
Second—David Plumadore

Alternates:

At Large, Wm. Parker
First—M. J. Warner
Second—Lemuel Tingley

Officer of the Guard: A committee with greetings is at the door.

Commander Carlton: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the committee from the United Spanish War Veterans.

Sr. Vice Commander Dickford: Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. This is probably one of the greatest opportunities of my life, as a son of a veteran to bring greetings to the Grand Army of the Republic from the United Spanish War Veterans.

My father was a Civil War veteran, having served in a company in the State of Michigan.

I feel greatly honored to come to you and to bring the greetings of the U. S. W. V. to this Department. I sincerely hope that for all time to come, as long as there is one Grand Army of the Republic member left, we may meet together.

I hope you have a pleasant and enjoyable Encampment. I know you always have a grand good time when you get together.

If there is anything I can do for the Veterans of the Civil War, I hope you will call upon me. Thank you kindly, I wish you a happy time.

Department Commander: Thank you very much.

Gus Stein, Past Dept. Commander U. S. W. V.

Commander Carlton.

It seems to me that you have such a large crowd. There must be one or two who did not get here. It looks like a healthy growth. In Kalamazoo last year we ran a race with the boys in No. 79, G. A. R. to see who had the most deaths during the year. It was a tie—one apiece.

Comrade Carleton's grandson was here looking after him; now he has returned to Kalamazoo. I have been closely associated with him a number of years. He is still on the Relief Commission. While Comrade Carlton is only Secretary, I am the Chairman. He will have to look up to me.

Comrade Carlton has never yet cast an assenting vote. He keeps to his office daily, from nine until twelve o'clock; then he goes over to the Burdick House and sneaks out a little lunch, and plays cards with the fellows until the last man is asleep in his chair. Then he wakes them up and goes home.

We have all experienced quite a heartbreak in Kalamazoo. Mr. Farley came to Kalamazoo and looked the ground over. He saw the G. A. R. Hall had a wonderful location and decided to kick the props out of the remaining members and build a one-story postoffice on a two-story building lot. Old glory is still over that home, although a week ago the Grand Army was dispossessed. They were told to get out, because the next day the roof was coming down. The boys got together and made an iron-clad agreement to house and take care of the boys of No. 79, as long as there was a member left.

A couple of boys, Carlton, 91, and Sergent, 94, are the only two left. The Legion did not know what they were getting into. Carlton had a brother who is also very old. They would have to keep the Legion open for Comrade Carlton to catch up with his brother.

Carlton always has something nice to say at the other meetings, nicer than with the Civil War Veterans. Maybe we will have to make him behave better.

He is entitled to all the rights and privileges of our encampment. We will fix him a place to sleep, if necessary.

A year ago I was honored to be made an honorary member of Orcutt Post No. 79. I have tried to live up to taking care of the remaining members of the Civil War, and keep their building for them as their home. Now we have lowered the Flag, and their home will be but a mess of dust by the time we get back to Kalamazoo.

I hope we meet every year, and I hope you will honor us by your presence at our annual convention. I want to thank you.

Comrade Kilstrom: Commander Carlton and the rest of your Comrades, I feel that I know you to some extent. As Chairman of the Convention Committee, I have, with the co-operation of Comrade Estabrook, tried to plan everything for your comfort. If there were only Comrade Estabrook to consider in this, it would be very, very easy, because he is very easy and pliable. But he has so many allied ladies' organizations that, he, being a young man, they're all jealous of him. Gentlemen, you ought to come and serve on the committee, instead of sending him alone.

A pleasant time so far, I hope you have had. There was a splendid Memorial Service last evening, which started off our own convention with a splendid start.

We have provided transportation throughout the city, including the Soldiers' Home.

As to your quarters, they were selected by Comrade Estabrook. As to everything else in the general order of doing business, all were left to Estabrook. I know he is giving his best efforts to make this a pleasant reunion for you.

I wish you a happy encampment, and I wish you many more years of happiness to enjoy with your families. I think that will conclude my remarks. I hope you will be over and see us. We will be at Elk's Temple, at Ottawa and Lyon.

Comrade Estabrook responded to the greetings, thanking the comrades of the U. S. W. V. for sentiments expressed and presented badges to each of the committee.

Commander Carlton: We thank you ever so much for your expressions to the Grand Army. We can always cooperate with each other. I thank you sincerely for your visit, and I hope we will all meet again next year.

Mr. Kilstrom: We contemplate an encampment next year. We have an implied invitation from the Travelers' Union. I'm on the convention committee, and there is a question of where we can go so that we can take care of you and your affiliates.

Comrade Estabrook: When we do get an invitation, we shall have a little committee to fix it up.

Mr. Kilstrom: We should instill in the natures of the young people the great purpose of this Government and for them not to take the negative side, that a portion of the population is trying to take advantage of the other part.

Committee retired.

Officer of the Guard: We have another delegation here.

Commander Carlton: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the Department President and Past Department Presidents of the Women's Relief Corps.

- Florence M. Boot.
- Ella Rice Scott.
- Eliza A. Taylor.
- Elizabeth Stephens.
- Lizetta Coady, Past National President.
- Minnie VanTuyl.
- Bertha Hovey Goss.
- Julia Allen.
- Gertrude Lewis.
- Isabel Thomas.
- Leah Simpson.
- Ella Ramsdell.

Julia Burt, Department President: Department Commander and Members of the Grand Army: It is a happy occasion when we can come to you and give you our greetings. We want to give you this little token, a box of cigars, which I know will give you much pleasure, and to pin this badge on you.

With your permission I will now read our report:

Number of Corps 1937	116
Number of Corps 1938	107
Cash received from former Treasurer	\$ 671.49
Cash expended by Corps for Relief	240.38



JULIA BURT
Department President
Woman's Relief Corps



MINNIE VanTUYL
Department Secretary
Woman's Relief Corps

Value of Relief other than money	25,688.66
Expended for flowers	1,233.85
Paid to non-pensioner widows	100.00
Number of soldiers and families assisted	4,008
Number of members March 31, 1937	5,497
Number of members March 31, 1938	5,463
Paid to G. A. R. Vets	86.24
Spanish War	20.16
Child Welfare	238.97

This report was received and placed on the file.

Julia Burt: This concludes our report. I have with me the past department presidents. I have also our national president representing the national president of today, Lizetta Coady, who wishes to extend to you an invitation to return to our Memorial Services and invite you to be our guests at a banquet at the hotel tonight.

Lizetta Coady: Commander Carlton and Comrades, I bring you greetings from the National President and invite you to join us in our Memorial and Banquet.

Commander Carlton: We thank you very much, and we appreciate and accept your invitation.

At the close of the joint Memorial Services, the Comrades reconvened for a short time and then adjourned until 9:30 a. m., Tuesday morning.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 1938

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by Commander Carlton.

Comrade Estabrook: Commander, I move that we proceed with the election of Council of Administration.

Motion was seconded and carried.

The following Comrades were nominated:

First, Ira Stewart

Second, A. F. Chappell

Third, Gilbert LaCroix

Fourth, John Beaumont

Fifth, Eugene Owens

Motion was seconded that the Comrades be voted on collectively. Carried.

Mrs. Davidson then read the report of the Junior Commander, who is also chairman of the Home Board.

REPORT OF JUNIOR COMMANDER

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Feb. 28th, 1938.

Report of EUGENE OWEN, Jr. Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic.

Visited the Michigan Soldiers Home, and found Col. Clifford McMann, Commandant in Charge.

Maj. Jacob Luidens, Adjutant.

Capt. Ralph Payne, Quartermaster.

Capt. Cornelius Swart, Chaplain.

The officers were most courteous, and extended to me a hearty welcome.

I found the Home in excellent condition, clean and well kept.

The commissary department is a very interesting place.

The perishable foods are all kept in electrically refrigerated rooms.

The meals were served in cafeteria style, and the food good and wholesome.

The Comrades and sisters, all seem to be contented and happy.

There is one civil war veteran, in the Company, and one at the hospital.

The Hospital is in charge of Maj. T. W. Hammond, Chief Surgeon, and is in very fine condition. The patients are well cared for by Dr. Baker and Dr. Sherlock, also by a fine staff of nurses.

The patients are well fed, and are clean and comfortable.

The women are being housed in the main building, until the annex can be built.

Respectfully submitted,
EUGENE OWEN.

Comrade Estabrook: I move that the report of the Soldiers' Home Committee be accepted and placed on file.

Motion seconded and carried.

There was a discussion then concerning previous invitations.

Mrs. Davidson: There was only one from Traverse City. Mr. Kilstrum told us that he thought there would be an invitation from Saginaw. He was of the opinion that probably that would be closer for the Comrades than Traverse City.

Comrade LaCroix: As long as there is no absolute invitation, I would like you to come to Mount Clemens again.

Comrade LaCroix thus extended a verbal invitation to be considered later on.

Commander Carlton appointed a committee to confer with the United Spanish War Veterans as to the next meeting place—Eugene Owen and A. F. Chappelle were appointed.

Officer of the Guard: There is a delegation waiting.

Commander Carlton: Show the delegation in.

Officer of the Day: Greetings from the Daughters of the Union Veterans to the Grand Army.

Edith Stevens Clark: Department Commander, we bring you greetings from the Daughters of the Union Veterans who are in convention today. We are proud of every soldier who fought to preserve the union. We are here to honor them, our fathers, and we think we can rightfully call you our Fathers. We honor our Fathers in life and their memory in death. Our inheritance is one to be proud of, and I am sure is dear to the heart of every true daughter of a Union Veteran.

We were organized to assist you in every way. We are here today to tell you that our hands are out to the assistance of every member of the Grand Army of the Republic as your daughters.

Lovely flowers were then presented to the Comrades.

Clara Parker: My father and grandfather were both in the Civil War, and I'm mighty proud to say that my father joined when he was 16 years old—he was six feet in his stockings. My grandfather was killed on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. I have always treasured their memories. My stepfather was also a soldier. So I think I am entitled to be a daughter. I think the world and all of you soldiers. There will always be a feeling in my heart that is just as tender as can be towards them. It seems just awful that they are going so fast. It won't be long before we won't have them. We are going to keep their memories in our hearts.

Lenora M. Leder: I am a granddaughter of a Civil War Veteran. I hope you all will live on forever.

Comrade Estabrook: We would have been very disappointed if you had not visited us. We hope to meet you often as long as we are here. We hope to meet you again at the next encampment.

Comrade Estabrook then presented the committee with badges, and they retired.

Then Mrs. Davidson spoke to the Commander and showed him the beautiful basket of flowers from the Department President, Mrs. Viets, of the Ladies of the G. A. R. to the comrades.

Mrs. Davidson left for a few minutes to give badges to the department president and past department presidents, who had not received them on Monday.

A recess of ten minutes was declared while waiting for a delegation to visit them.

Officer of the Guard: Another committee is waiting.

Commander Carlton: Bring the committee in.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the delegation from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Charlotte Gilpin: Department Commander, I bring greetings from the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary. I wish you the best of a convention.

Miss Gilpin then presented the Comrades with some lovely flowers.

Charlotte Gilpin: I want to say that my grandfather fought in twenty-eight of the battles. He fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. So you know how much I think of all of you. He was wounded in that battle. He was with Company C, the Sharpshooters. He went through all four years of the war, and passed away in 1913.

Dorothy Jones: I wish for all of you a very successful encampment.

Comrade Estabrook: Thank you for these beautiful flowers. As you return to your Order, take with you our best wishes for a harmonious convention, and I hope everything will pass off agreeably.

Commander Carlton: We are not able to return your greetings as we have not the material.

Badges were presented and the Officer of the Day escorted them out.

Mrs. Davidson: I presented badges to the past department presidents. They were very much pleased. We still owe them three badges which I will take to them this afternoon. They said, "Thank you." A banquet is to be held for the Veterans at the Rowe Hotel this noon by the L. G. A. R. Courtesy cars will be here to take you to the hotel.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation is waiting outside.

Commander Carlton: Show the delegation in.

Officer of the Day: I have honor to present the delegation from the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Catherine Moore: Commander, we are the representatives of the United Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary, come to greet you, and in their behalf to present you with these flowers. We hope you are having a marvelous and splendid Encampment, and that you are feeling just as spry as you did in '68.

Louise Fieger: I feel it a great honor to come here.

Anna L. Mickel: We wish you a very successful and happy Encampment.

Commander Carlton: We can't return the greetings, but thank you very much.

Comrade Estabrook: Ladies, it seems good to have the Spanish War boys back with us. When we started out years ago, we had the Spanish War boys with us; now we have them back again. We hope to keep them with us. When the Spanish War started 80% of the membership was sons of Union Veterans, and we welcome them and thank you for the floral offering, and convey to your organization our best wishes.

Badges were presented and the Officer of the Day escorted them out.

Catherine Moore: I came back to present to you, Commander, the badge of the Spanish War Veterans Auxiliary.

Commander Carlton: Thank you.

Comrade Estabrook:

Commander Carlton, please rise. It gives me extreme pleasure to present to you, in behalf of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, this Past Department Commander's Badge, in appreciation for your services as Department Commander, as well as for your loyalty to the organization and the Comrades in years gone by. I know you will wear it with honor to yourself and credit to the Department.

The Past Department Commander's Gold Jewel was then pinned upon Commander Carlton's coat by Mrs. Davidson.

Mrs. Davidson: I feel it a great honor to pin this badge over a heart that I know has always been loyal and true to the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Women's Relief Corps, and the Allied Organizations.

Commander Carlton: When I was elected to this office, as I said in my report, I had some misgivings. I was advised, probably by my best friends, that, if I would assume this office, I would get high hatted. They said that I would quit being myself, and perhaps I wouldn't appreciate the Department. I said that the only hat that I'm proud of is my old Sherman hat. People of my age know more than I do and can tell it better. And as for being myself, I don't know how to be otherwise. I have risked impeachment just so as to continue as I always have and always expect to do.

I am very grateful to be retired as Commander of the Department, which has been my highest ambition. I think it is the highest title afforded by the State of Michigan.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation is waiting.

Commander Carlton: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: Greetings from the Daughters of Civil War Veterans.

Mildred Langland, from the Department: Comrade Daddy, greetings to you! This is just a little gift from the Daughters of the Union Veterans from the Department. It is some cigars for all of you to smoke and enjoy.

Commander Carlton: Thank you very much. We appreciate the gift and ask you to convey our greetings to your organization, as we are not able to do so.

Comrade Estabrook then presents her with a badge, and she is escorted out.

Officer of the Guard: We have two delegations waiting.

Commander Carlton: Show them in.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the entire delegations of the Sons of the Union Veterans and the Sons of U. V. Auxiliary.

Ida B. Meyer: How do you do. We, the Auxiliary of the S. of V. are happy to extend greetings to our Comrades. It is wonderful to come and greet you. I feel it is a great privilege and wish for you just the very happiest time. Here is a personal gift for you, Commander Carlton.

Gifts from the Auxiliary were given to each of the Comrades.

C. R. Cowdin: Well, Commander Carlton, I am the chairman of this delegation from the Sons of the Union Veterans, because I happen to be the oldest. I have been with you and visiting your encampment for a good many years. You know all about the things we do. You told about it yourself.

We are glad that a few of the Comrades are here for another year, at least. We hope you will be here for years to come.

I have brought a little remembrance whereby we hope your troubles will all go up in smoke. Now I will call on Commander Tiffany to present the badges.

Commander Tiffany: It is a privilege to come here to you, Commander Carlton, and I want you to have one of our badges and also every one of your organization. I hope you have a pleasant time here, and that you have many, many more good times.

The Officer of the Day then escorted the delegations out.

Commander Carlton: Commander, you are all invited to luncheon with the Ladies of the G. A. R. Your cars are waiting to escort you to the Rowe Hotel. This meeting will be adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow morning. Meeting adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 1938

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by Commander Carlton.

Officer of the Guard: A delegation is here.

Commander Carlton: Admit them.

Officer of the Day: I have the honor to present the Ladies of the G. A. R., consisting of Department President, Genevieve T. Viets; and Past Department Presidents, Nellie Wall, Anna Hilliard, May Laurencelle, Elsie Dietz, Lillie Wall and Lillie C. Bartlet, daughter of Charles Bartlet, former Commander of the Grand Army.

Genevieve Viets: Commander Carlton, this is the happiest moment during this convention to bring you greetings. I hope, Commander, I may have the opportunity to do so again for many more years to come.

A box of candy and a box of cigars were then given to Commander Carlton for all of the Comrades.

Commander Carlton: Ladies of the G. A. R., welcome. We would have been disappointed sorely if you had not come. Thank you for these gifts. If you'll step forward, we will present you with badges.

The badges were then presented, and the ladies were escorted out.

Comrade Estabrook: Comrades, the routine business having been finished of our encampment, and as usual in these encampments, our routine business has to be finished before election of officers, I now move that we proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and we have some other matters to take up regarding the Commander's report.

The Commander has made some good recommendations here in his report, and, as there is no committee to come before the encampment, we will act upon his recommendations as a committee of the whole. I move we proceed to election of officers.

The motion is seconded and carried. Supported by Comrade LaCroix.

Comrade Owen: I move we nominate the same Commander as last year.

Commander Carlton: I would like a few words to say to this. I have by mere fortunate circumstances got through the year with more honor than I deserve, and I am perfectly satisfied and desirous of quitting while my record is good. There has been an agreement, if it is all right with all of you, between Comrade Estabrook and myself that we change positions next year. My wish is that he be Commander. Are there any other nominations.

Comrade Owen: I withdraw my previous motion and move that Comrade Estabrook be elected. Seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: We will take a standing vote instead of a ballot.

Commander Carlton: You have heard the nomination, and we, as a committee of the whole are ready for a vote. I move that we elect Comrade Estabrook as Commander. Motion seconded and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: For Senior Vice Commander, I nominate Captain Gilbert LaCroix. Seconded.

Commander Carlton: Are there any other nominations? If not, I declare Comrade LaCroix duly elected.

Comrade Owen: I nominate Comrade Parker for Junior Vice Commander. Seconded.

Commander Carlton: Any other nominations? I declare him elected.

Comrade Chappelle: I nominate Comrade Owen for Chaplain. Seconded and carried.

Commander Carlton: I declare him elected.

Comrade Estabrook: I nominate David Plumadore for Medical Director. Seconded.

Commander Carlton: Comrade Plumadore is nominated for M. D. I declare him elected.

Comrade Estabrook: The matter of the Commander's report has not been committed. Of course it is our duty to take up this matter and act upon his recommendations. We will approve them by vote. The first recommendation in his report: We believe there will be some assets to be disposed of when we are gone. This will take effect when we disband. I hope a substantial recognition of our secretary's devotion will be provided for in this encampment and be made a legal record as our last will and testament of the department.

Second: I would recommend that a future encampment be had after the schools close for the benefit of the Junior League of America, who are now in school. This is a worthy auxiliary to promote patriotism in school life.

These are the recommendations that were made. We will take up the first recommendation.

The question is first, I would recommend that at the time of our closing of our business, that Mrs. Davidson be allotted a year's salary—how much, will be up to you. The Junior League Business is a fine idea. It is something that could be drawn upon and be placed in the hands of trustees. If a girl wanted to go to a school outside of a district, the girl could borrow money out of this fund. That is one part of it. The other part is something for you to settle.

Comrade LaCroix: It is a very nice thing that Mrs. Davidson be taken care of.

Commander Carlton: I think the Junior League is a grand idea. Do as you please with what I have in mind. Arrange the Department of

Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, as you wish regarding dissolution. Be it resolved that by the unanimous will of the encampment, that the officers of the official staff of the department make a legal will to dispose of the assets of the department when it is finally dissolved; namely, that the amount of one year's salary, \$600, be bequeathed to department secretary, Ida Davidson, and that the residue be equally divided between the Women's Relief Corps and the Sons of the Union Veterans. That is all. Such will will be made part of the records of this meeting. Here is a tentative form I think would satisfy the situation for the will: The Department of Michigan does hereby will and bequeath all property of which it shall be seized on dissolution. First, to Department Secretary, Ida Davidson, be given \$600—according to Estabrook's recommendation—and the residue to be divided equally between—whatever orders you see fit to divide it among. If you want to do this, it will meet with my approval.

Comrade LaCroix: I think it is very nice indeed.

Mrs. Davidson: I have the report of the Resolution Committee.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Resolved, That we, Comrades of the Department of Michigan here assembled, extend our sincere thanks to the management of the Pantlind Hotel for all courtesies extended, to the Daily Press, and our Allied Organizations for banquets, luncheons, floral gifts and cigars. We deeply appreciate your many acts of kindness. Especially would we extend our thanks to Mrs. DeRider for manifest interest in our behalf.

Signed by the Committee,
A. F. CHAPPELLE,
IRA M. STEWART.

Comrade Estabrook: I move the adoption of the report. Seconded.

Commander Carlton: It is moved and seconded that the report be adopted. Carried.

Comrade Estabrook: Now, to take up the first recommendation of the Commander, I move that our Secretary, Ida Davidson, be allowed a year's salary after we close the department. Seconded.

Commander Carlton: It is the unanimous vote of the committee. Moved and carried.

Comrade Estabrook: I would also recommend that future encampment be held after the schools close for the benefit of the Junior League of America, who are now in school.

Commander Carlton: What shall we do with the residue? We may not have more than \$600 when the encampment closes. I hope we will have a small residue to be disposed of after we have advanced the one year's salary to our secretary. I recommend that the residue be equally divided between the W. R. C. and S. of U. V.; a portion of it to the Junior League. Now what is your wish?

Comrade LaCroix: The recommendation is all right.

Comrade Stewart: What does this Junior League amount to? What is it intended for?

Commander Carlton: It is organized as auxiliary to the W. R. C. and bears the same relations to the Relief Corps as the Sunday school to the church. They graduate from the Junior League into the Relief Corps. Besides this, patriotism is introduced into the schools. The patriotic spirit will be carried into the schools, which, it seems to me, is somewhat lacking now. I don't really see the necessity of willing property to them after we are gone. If they go forward as they have gone, they will be on their feet. My mind is that they will be just as wealthy if we leave them out.

Comrade Stewart: After the Relief Corps and the S. of U. V. are taken care of, we can go on with them if we have any left. I am in favor of having it just as it is—to go to Mrs. Davidson, to go to the W. R. C. and the S. of U. V.—they will be our legal heirs. If they have anything to dispose of when they are gone, let them leave it to the Junior League, if they wish.

Commander Carlton: It is recommended that the official staff of the department execute a deed that will be legal to become part of the record of this meeting. That is a very simple matter. It will now have to be drawn up and witnessed.

Officer of the Guard: Mr. Kilstrom to see you.

Mr. Kilstrom: We wish to report that we have accepted the invitation of Traverse City as our next encampment place. I have with me a representative from Traverse City, Lieutenant Clausom, who is a supervisor on that committee and, not knowing all of these organizations and every one's name, they haven't sent an invitation to each.

I appreciate the dignity and courtesy that is your due. We would not wish you to think that we would not do a thing you would not be pleased with.

We hope you have had a pleasant time. We are glad, from the reports of the Allied organizations, that they have had a pleasant time. When we contract the business, I hope you will stay in Grand Rapids and feel at home, throwing away the fact that you are a delegate, and assuming a state of happiness, going where you please, feeling that you are welcome at all times to our city.

Commander Carlton: We will be glad to hear the representative. I would like to take expression of our little group. All who are favorable to go to Traverse City rise to your feet. Unanimously carried.

Lieutenant Clausom: I surely am pleased, and I want to extend at this time a high vote of thanks to you for accepting our invitation. I represent Traverse City, the Chamber of Commerce, and our camp. And we thank you and the committee that did this work of inviting this department here. When we invited you to our city, we invited all. However, I want to give you a personal invitation. I am glad you accepted.

Thank you. We will show you a royal time. God bless you until that time.

Commander Carlton: We want to thank you in advance.

Mrs. Davidson: From the bottom of my heart. I just can't seem to find words to thank you comrades, every one of you, for your kind expression of my services.

Mr. Neir, the gentleman to draw up the will, came in. Directions were given his secretary, and they left to make out the will in legal form.

Mrs. Davidson: You will remember this little lady who did everything for the comfort and happiness of the comrades while they were in Detroit.—Mrs. Stables.

Eleanor Stables: I just wanted to say "Hello!" and tell you how happy I am to see you again, and to thank Colonel Estabrook for all of the nice things he has done this year. I couldn't let you have your convention without coming and saying "Hello!" Thank you very much.

Mrs. Davidson: We deeply appreciate your services.

A recess is called for a short time while waiting for the will.

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

Commander Carlton: Present them.

Comrade Stewart presented Elizabeth Carlson, Betty Cherrett, Mayme Bockhouse, members of A. Lyman Gilbert W. R. C. No. 59 of Detroit.

The ladies extended greetings to the Comrades and presented them with flowers. Commander Carlton thanked them, and they retired.

Comrade Stewart: Now I am going to give every one of you Comrades an invitation to come to Petoskey on the evening of April 4th, 1939, to attend my birthday dinner, given by the Veterans. I want you to see what the people up there think of me.

Mr. Neir and Mrs. DeRuiter came in. The will is signed by the Commander and Adjt. General and witnessed by Mrs. DeRuiter.

Commander Carlton: We shall now proceed to the installation of officers. We shall install them right in their seats. You have all been elected to Officers in the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic. The officers were then installed by the Commander.

Is there any other business to come before this meeting?

Comrade Estabrook then asked Commander Carlton to take his pledge of Adjt. General.

A motion is made that the meeting be adjourned. It is moved and seconded. The Department Encampment of the Michigan Grand Army of the Republic is then adjourned sine die.

UNOFFICIAL PROGRAM

The 60th Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, is history. Again we are indebted to all of the members of the "committee on arrangements" who for months have been planning and working for our comfort and entertainment. Nothing seems to have been forgotten or neglected.

GREETINGS

City of Grand Rapids, Michigan

To the Grand Army of the Republic, United Spanish War Veterans, and their Allied Organizations:

The occasion of the State Encampments of the Grand Army of the Republic, U. S. W. V. and Allied Organizations to be held in Grand Rapids is an honor to the City of Grand Rapids, and we, its citizens, feel distinctly honored by the presence of these great Patriotic Organizations in our city.

We recall with keen interest and pleasure your previous visits to our city and every possible effort will be put forth to make your stay comfortable and enjoyable.

As your hosts during this Encampment, we have great anticipations for renewed patriotic inspirations throughout our community.

It is a distinct privilege to extend to you my official and personal greetings.

GEORGE W. WELSH, Mayor,
The City of Grand Rapids.
May 19, 1938.

The G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans, and Allied Organizations:

The Staff, and the Board of Managers, of the Michigan Soldiers' Home welcome you! We trust that you will have an enjoyable stay in Grand Rapids, and want you to feel free to visit, and inspect the Home during your encampment here.

We are striving to maintain this home for the care of our comrades, their mothers, wives, and widows, and want you to know that suggestions which will improve this Home will always be given our most serious consideration.

CLIFFORD McMANN,
Colonel and Commandant.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12th, 1938

7:30 P. M.

We attended the beautiful "MEMORIAL" of the United Spanish War Veterans in Park Congregational Church. The services were very impressive, especially the "Tribute," given by the "Beloved Chaplain of the

Soldiers' Home, Comrade Cornelius Swart." Music by the Vested Choir of the Church.

MONDAY, JUNE 13th

- 9:00 A. M. Comrades registered and visited the Soldiers' Home.
 1:30 P. M. Opening Session of the Encampment.
 6:30 P. M. Banquet, given by the Woman's Relief Corps and Allied Organizations, in honor of the G. A. R.
 8:00 P. M. Campfire—Park Congregational Church.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14th

- 9:00 A. M. Business session.
 7:00 P. M. Annual Parade, and

FLAG DAY PROGRAM

June 14, 1938, 7:45 P. M., Fulton Park

Sponsored by B. P. O. Elks, Spanish War Veterans and Other Patriotic and Fraternal Organizations

- Master of Ceremonies Willard MacIntyre
 Music—"Star Spangled Banner" By Grand Rapids Civic Band,
 L. D. Bullard, Leader
 Introductory Exercises Exalted Ruler, Harry A. Hart, and Officers
 Prayer Chaplain B. F. Girdler
 Medley of Pieces By Band
 Altar Service Lodge Officers
 Music—"Auld Lang Syne" By Band
 Nesbit's "Ode to the Flag" Chaplain Swart of Michigan Soldiers' Home
 Principal Address Carl W. Smith, Department Comdr. of
 American Legion, Bay City
 Presentation of Colors to Canadian Legion Post
 By Grand Rapids Lodge No. 48, B. P. O. E.
 Closing Music—"America" By Band

Entire audience join in singing

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th

- 9:30 A. M. Closing Session. Reports, Election and Installation.

COMRADES REGISTERED

	Age
Beaumont, J. F., Milford	95
Buckingham, Oliver, Freeport	94
Carlton, S. H., Kalamazoo	91
Chappelle, A. F., Detroit	93
Estabrook, A. C., Grand Rapids	91
Hurd, Charles P., Grand Rapids, Soldiers' Home	91
Killeen, John, Portland	91
LaCroix, Gilbert, Mt. Clemens	92

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Owen, Eugene, Grand Rapids	89
Parker, William, Lake Odessa	94
Plumadore, David, Detroit	91
Stewart, Ira M., Petoskey	92
Tingley, Lemuel, Ionia	95
Warner, M. J., Grand Rapids	92

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, July 6th, 1937.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 1. Series 1937-1938.

I.

Having been elected Commander of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at the 59th Annual Encampment held in Detroit June 9th, 10th, 11th, 1937, I hereby assume command. The unanimous vote of my Comrades assures me of their confidence and co-operation, and I pledge to you my very best efforts that the high standard of our Department may continue thru the few remaining years allotted to us.

II. OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

Department Commander . . . S. H. Carlton, Post No. 79, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Dept. Sr. Vice Commander . . . J. F. Beaumont, Post No. 181, Milford
 Dept. Jr. Vice Commander . . . Eugene Owen, Post No. 5, Grand Rapids
 Chaplain Orlanda LeValley, Post No. 143, Caro
 Medical Director A. F. Chappelle, Post No. 17, Detroit

III. COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

A. F. Chappelle Detroit
 J. F. Beaumont Milford
 Orlanda LeValley Caro
 M. J. Warner Grand Rapids
 Eugene Owen Grand Rapids

IV. DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

J. C. Haines, Delegate-at-large Detroit
 Orlanda LeValley Caro
 Gilbert LaCroix Mt. Clemens

ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

William Parker, Alternate-at-Large Lake Odessa
 Nelson R. Wood South Haven
 Truman O. Webber Hastings

V. OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

A. A. and Quartermaster General—A. C. Estabrook Post No. 56,
 Grand Rapids, Mich.

II.

Michigan Headquarters will be established at the Loraine Hotel Monday afternoon, September 6th. Comrades are urged to register as soon as they arrive.

III.

A meeting of Delegates and those entitled to a seat in the Encampment, will be held in Headquarters Room, Tuesday evening, September 7th, 1937. Badges will be distributed at this time.

IV.

Department Headquarters at Lansing, will be closed from September 3rd to September 13th.

V. TRANSPORTATION

Chicago and Northwestern Railroad.

Trains leaving Chicago.	Arriving in Madison, Wis.
9:30 A.M.	12:55 A.M.
6:15 P.M.	9:30 P.M.
10:00 P.M.	12:50 A.M.

Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul Railroad.

Trains leaving Chicago.	Arriving in Madison, Wis.
6:30 P.M.	10:20 P.M.
5:05 P.M. Sunday only	9:10 P.M.
8:05 A.M. Sunday only	11:55 A.M.

Railroad certificates will be sent on application to the office at Lansing, Mich., but they can only be used "west of Chicago."

Consult your local Ticket Agent as to rates and time of trains.

VI. LORAIN HOTEL

Headquarters for Grand Army of the Republic.

Woman's Relief Corps.	
Single rooms with bath	\$2.50 to \$5.00
Double rooms with bath	\$4.50 and up
Double twin beds with bath	\$5.00 to \$8.00
Single rooms without bath	\$2.00
Double rooms without bath	\$3.50
Double twin beds without bath	\$4.00
Additional beds	\$1.50 each

All requests for rooms should be addressed to Col. J. W. Jackson, Secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic, Encampment Committee, Madison, Wisconsin.

By command of
S. H. CARLTON,
Department Commander.

Official.
A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

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

Lansing, Michigan, December 2, 1937.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 3. Series 1937-1938.

I.

The Seventy-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the City of Madison, Wisconsin, September 5-10, 1937. Headquarters of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. were established at the Loraine Hotel where all Comrades were made welcome by Manager Fitzgerald and all Hotel employees. Eight Comrades were registered from Michigan.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1937.

II.

Promptly at 10:00 o'clock, led by the United States Marine Band of Washington, D. C., the Civil War Veterans passed in review as 50,000 citizens saluted their thinning ranks.

Bent by the weight of years, yet proudly disdaining the aid of automobiles, "THEY MARCHED", their hearts still beating true and loyal to their Country and their Flag.

Veterans of the World War, Sons of Union Veterans and Boy Scouts rendered valuable assistance.

III.

The sessions of the Grand Army of the Republic were held in the Loraine Hotel. Comrade Overton H. Mennet, of California, was elected Commander-in-Chief. Des Moines, Iowa, was chosen as the meeting place for 1938.

IV.

Report Blanks for the year ending December 31, 1937, are enclosed. Post Adjutants or Secretaries will please fill out promptly and return to Headquarters, Lansing, Mich., Box 433, with per capita tax of ten cents per member.

Patriotic Instructors' Blanks should be filled out and sent to the Department Patriotic Instructor, A. S. Beardsley, 66 Adelaide St., Detroit, Michigan.

V.

As Christmas, with its wonderful spirit of good will and good cheer draws near, it is only natural that our thoughts turn to our Comrades, our Auxiliary and Allied Organizations, and this is our "CHRISTMAS GREETING TO ALL".

“Christmas is coming to cheer us again,
 Bringing its bounty of blessing to men;
 Wiping out worries and troubles and frets,
 Blotting out memories, tragic and drear—
 Filling our hearts with the magic of cheer,
 Giving us gifts from the GIVER above—
 Greatest of which is the spirit of love.”

By command of
 S. H. CARLTON,
 Department Commander.

Official.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
 Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April 28, 1938.

GENERAL ORDERS No. 4. Series 1937-1938.

“MEMORIAL DAY”

“O that sound of martial music
 How it thrills me with its strain,
 Bringing back my soldier courage
 And my patriot pride again,
 Though the sands of life are ebbing,
 And I have not long to stay,
 Yet I love the sacred memories
 Of this grand ‘MEMORIAL DAY’ ”.

I.

Another year has passed and we are called upon to pay honor to the Comrades who have gone to their reward. As Commander, I wish to express the sincere appreciation of every Comrade of this Department of Michigan, to the S. W. V., V. F. W., Sons of Union Veterans and all Allied Organizations, who have rendered such valuable assistance, on this sacred day, that due honor might be paid “to every Soldier, who offered his life for his Country and Flag, and who now sleeps beneath the sod.”

During the week preceding Memorial Day, it is the desire of your Department Commander that every Comrade who is able, will visit the Public Schools, attend services on Memorial Sunday, May 22, and take part in Memorial Day exercises.

“With grateful hearts and reverent lips
 We tell of their deeds of fame;
 And cover them over with fair young flowers
 That whisper their honored name.
 Their work is done, and our banner bright,

Unfurled to the breeze, we view,
And we look with pride on the Stars and Stripes
That were saved by the 'Boys in Blue'."

Post Chaplains will return their blanks promptly, to the Department Chaplain Orlanda Levalley, Caro, Michigan.

II.

The second Sunday in May has been dedicated to Mothers.

"No nobler thought my soul may claim
No softer word my tongue may frame,
Than just one word

'MOTHER'".

In her memory let us attend services on "Mothers Day", May 8, and wear a "pure white flower".

III.

The 60th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Michigan, will be held in Grand Rapids, June 13th, 14th, 15th, 1938. Headquarters of the G. A. R. will be established at the Pantlind Hotel, Room No. 152. Comrades may register Monday, June 13th, 8 A. M. and receive badges. All Comrades of this Department, in good standing and in possession of the countersign are entitled to a seat and a vote in this Encampment. Sessions will be held on mezzanine floor.

IV.

PROGRAM.

8 P. M. Sunday, June 12th, 1938.
Memorial Services with U. S. W. V.

MONDAY, JUNE 13TH, 1938.

9 A. M. Registration—Trip to the Soldiers' Home.

11 A. M. Council of Administration will meet in Headquarters, Room No. 152.

Executive Committee will audit the books of the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General, and transact any other business necessary.

1:30 P. M. Opening Session, Report of the Department Commander, Greetings from Mayor and Allied Organizations.

3:30 P. M. Joint Memorial services with the Woman's Relief Corps in Ball Room, Pantlind Hotel, followed by reception.

6:30 P. M. Banquet, Pantlind Hotel.

8 P. M. Campfire, in I. O. O. F. Temple on Ottawa Ave.

TUESDAY, JUNE 14TH.

9:30 A. M. Business Session.

6 P. M. Parade and Flag Day exercises.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15TH.

9:30 A. M. Business Session, Election and Installation of Officers.
For further information consult Official Program.
Resolutions Committee and other appointments will be made later.

V. "IN MEMORIAM".

With sincere sorrow I announce the death of one of my Official Family. Comrade Isaac Grant who passed away December 22, 1937. For many years he served the Department as Chief of Staff. He was loyal and true to his Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"THE VACANT CHAIR".

"The vacant chair looks lonely
As he sleeps beneath the sod,
But his Flag waves on undaunted
And his soul is safe with God".

VI.

In closing these, my last General Orders, I wish to express my most sincere thanks to my faithful Assistant Adjutant and to all the Allied Organizations who have extended so many courtesies to me during my year as your Department Commander.

By command of
S. H. CARLTON,
Department Commander.

Official.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
Assistant Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM.

"They will hear no more the bugle or the cannon's awful roar,
They will fight no more the battles, on the blood-stained fields of war.
He who carried grand Old Glory, from "Atlantic to the sea,"
Now in silence rests forever, 'neath the Flag he helped make free.
Grant and Sheridan, the Soldiers, to the unknown shores have fled;
They have gone to join the army, of our sacred soldier dead.
Since our heroes fought together, many years have passed away,
And those left of that Grand Army, now are old men, bowed and
gray.
Birds will sing and flowers grow o'er their silent sacred dust;
While the ivy twines the cannon and the old sword gathers rust.
They'll be held in sacred mem'ry, through the ages yet to be,
By the coming countless millions of this nation great and free.
They have saved this great republic, kept our Starry Flag o'erhead,
So we love our gray-haired Veterans, love the living and the dead."

MEMORIAL ROLL FOR THE YEAR 1937

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
John A. Logan Post No. 1, Grand Rapids					
Alexander Smith.....	Private.....	D	3rd Michigan Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Feb. 12, 1937
John G. Meyers.....	Private.....	D	9th E. M. Battery.....	Grand Rapids.....	Sept. 23, 1937
I. B. Richardson Post No. 13, Harbor Springs					
Fred F. Main.....	Private.....	F	100th New York Infantry.....	Harbor Springs.....	May 10, 1937
William Perrott Post No. 22, Buchanan					
George Hanley.....	Sergeant.....	A	67th Ohio Infantry.....	Buchanan.....	June 18, 1937
Farragut Post No. 32, Battle Creek					
Chas. M. Stephens.....	Musician.....	A	1st Michigan Sharpshooters.....	Battle Creek.....	Mar. 9, 1937
M. D. Strickland.....	Private.....	A	9th Michigan Cavalry.....	Battle Creek.....	Apr. 13, 1937
Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven					
William H. Parker.....	Private.....	E	24th Michigan Infantry.....	South Haven.....	Feb. 8, 1937
Saginaw Post No. 38, Saginaw					
Frank D. Keeler.....	Private.....	D	16th Michigan Infantry.....	Saginaw.....	June 4, 1937

Chas. T. Foster Post No. 42, Lansing

M. D. Richardson.....	Private.....	K	48th Indiana Infantry.....	Lansing.....	May 18, 1937
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Woodbury Post No. 45, Adrian

Cornelius VanEtten.....	Private.....	A	4th Michigan Infantry.....	Adrian.....	Oct. 26, 1937
Reuben Merriman.....	Private.....	K	102nd U. S. Infantry Col.....	Adrian.....	Dec. 5, 1937

Edward Fomeroy Post No. 48, Jackson

Thomas H. Nichols.....	Private.....	N	2nd Massachusetts Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Feb. 2, 1937
Orestus Blake.....	Private.....	H	23rd Michigan Infantry.....	Jackson.....	June 10, 1937
W. F. Graham.....	Private.....	F	152nd Indiana Infantry.....	Jackson.....	Oct. 26, 1937

C. J. Bassett Post No. 56, Allegan

Amasa Jones.....	Private.....	A	13th Michigan Infantry.....	Allegan.....	Feb. 10, 1937
Edmun S. Rogers.....	Private.....	F	24th Michigan Infantry.....	Allegan.....	Feb. 22, 1937

Orcutt Post No. 79, Kalamazoo

Chas. Filmore.....	Private.....	D	160 N. Y. Infantry.....	Kalamazoo.....	May 5, 1937
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William Sanborn Post No. 98, Port Huron

R. S. Mann.....	Private.....		Mississippi.....	Port Huron.....	June 24, 1937
Charles Montrey.....	Captain.....	K	18th New York Cavalry.....	Port Huron.....	Sept. 17, 1937

Butterworth Post No. 109, Coldwater

L. L. Bosserman.....	Private.....	A	28th New York Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	April 11, 1937
George W. Fetterly.....	Private.....	H	19th Michigan Infantry.....	Coldwater.....	May 9, 1937
Lewis E. Pierce.....	Private.....	I	9th Michigan Cavalry.....	Coldwater.....	Oct. 21, 1937

Welch Post No. 137, Ann Arbor

Name.	Rank.	Company.	Regiment.	Residence.	Date of death.
Randall T. Van Valkenberg	Private	A	17th Michigan Infantry	Ann Arbor	June 10, 1937
LeRoy Park	Private	K	82nd Indiana Volunteers	Ann Arbor	Sept. 25, 1937

Governor Crapo Post No. 145, Flint

Theodore Burden	Private	A	15th Michigan Infantry	Flint	April 8, 1937
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Henry F. Wallace Post No. 160, Corunna

Merritt S. Harding	Private	H	23rd Michigan Infantry	Corunna	Nov. 10, 1937
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Lombard Post No. 170, Petoskey

C. H. Harris	Private	E	29th Michigan Infantry	Petoskey	Feb. 3, 1937
A. J. Ramsby	Private	C	30th Indiana Infantry	Petoskey	Mar. 31, 1937
R. G. Teachout	Private	B	1st Ohio Light Artillery	Petoskey	Nov. 1, 1937

E. R. Stille Post No. 174, Hancock

Frank Richards	Private	H	11th Michigan Infantry	Hancock	Aug. 7, 1937
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Carpenter Post No. 180, Ypsilanti

A. D. Austin	Private	I	24th Michigan Infantry	Ypsilanti	Dec. 16, 1937
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Heber LeFavor, Post No. 181, Millford

James Taylor	No record given				
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L. B. Quackenbush Post No. 205, Owosso

William Guipe.....	Private.....	B	7th Pennsylvania Light Artillery..	Owosso.....	July 23, 1937
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Wm. H. Borden Post No. 211, Ionia

C. C. Eyster.....	No record given.....				July 31, 1937
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Andrews Post No. 294, Big Rapids

S. G. Webster.....	Private.....	M	3rd Michigan Cavalry.....	Big Rapids.....	Jan. 16, 1937
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Amasa B. Watson Post No. 395, Grand Rapids

Ebenezer Childs.....	Private.....	K	30th Michigan Infantry.....	Grand Rapids.....	Sept. 18, 1937
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Steele Bros. Post No. 441, Mason

Isaac Morse.....	Private.....	K	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Mason.....	Dec. 16, 1937
Henry B. Appleton.....	Private.....	K	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Brighton.....	Dec. 26, 1937
Robert Lee.....	Sergeant.....	I	1st Michigan Cavalry.....	Algonac.....	
Thomas Wright.....	Corp.....	G	3rd Michigan Cavalry.....	Leslie.....	Feb. 9, 1937
Obadiah Smith.....	Private.....	F	9th Michigan Infantry.....	Gladwin.....	

General I. C. Smith Post No. 451, Reed City

Isaac Grant.....	Private.....	I	10th Michigan Cavalry.....	Reed City.....	Dec. 23, 1937
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“They did not fight and die in vain,
They left a mighty power
And yonder they shall live again
On time’s immortal shore.”

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
1934	Grand Rapids	John Killeen
1935	Mt. Clemens	Frank D. Keeler
1936	Battle Creek	Ira M. Stewart
1937	Detroit	Ira M. Stewart
1938	Grand Rapids	S. H. Carlton

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 Sheridan 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., 1938:

Year.	Posts.	Members.	Year.	Posts.	Members.
1879.....	6	127	1885.....	288	14,475
1880.....	9	281	1886.....	316	16,957
1881.....	13	482	1887.....	348	19,226
1882.....	27	1,019	1888.....	371	21,353
1883.....	100	4,442	1889.....	373	21,418
1884.....	209	10,311	1890.....	377	21,255

1891	375	20,765	1915	267	7,452
1892	391	20,905	1916	263	6,995
1893	390	20,469	1917	252	6,257
1894	384	19,020	1918	240	5,553
1895	383	18,059	1919	238	5,115
1896	373	16,766	1920	227	4,667
1897	382	16,096	1921	212	4,000
1898	385	15,831	1922	197	3,386
1899	386	15,531	1923	193	3,105
1900	382	15,102	1924	190	2,836
1901	375	14,930	1925	149	2,377
1902	368	14,406	1926	125	1,882
1903	359	13,716	1927	119	1,563
1904	355	13,168	1928	112	1,212
1905	346	12,282	1929	109	991
1906	340	11,566	1930	102	817
1907	326	11,068	1931	97	656
1908	318	10,688	1932	89	550
1909	313	10,220	1933	81	418
1910	311	9,854	1934	78	314
1911	309	9,372	1935	68	244
1912	286	8,707	1936	66	198
1913	279	8,226	1937	45	120
1914	271	7,821	1938	35	78

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.

WHY THEY WERE ALWAYS CALLED "BOYS"

The enlisted men of the Civil War consisted of the following:

10 years of age and under	25
11 years of age	38
12 years	228
13 years	300
14 years	1,523
15 years	104,987
16 years	231,051
17 years	844,891
18 years	1,151,438
21 years	2,159,798
22 years and over	618,511

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Written by Moses Owen, Augusta, Maine, 1866, after hearing a young lady remark, "Oh! They're *nothing but Flags*; come on, let's look around."

"NOTHING BUT FLAGS."

Nothing but Flags!—but simple Flags,
Tattered and torn and hanging in rags;
And we walk beneath them with careless tread
Nor think of the hosts of mighty dead
That marched beneath them in days gone by,
With a burning cheek and a kindling eye
And have bathed their folds with their young life's tide,
And, dying, blessed them, and, blessing, died.
Nothing but Flags!—yet methinks at night
They tell each other their tales of fright;
And dim spectres come, and their thin arms twine
'Round each standard torn as they stand in line,
As the word is given—they charge! they form!
And once again through the smoke and strife,
These colors lead to a nation's life.
Nothing but Flags!—yet they're bathed with tears,
They tell of triumphs, of hopes, of fears;—
Of a mother's prayers, of a boy away.
Of a serpent crushed, of the coming day!
Silent, they speak, and the tear will start
As we stand beneath them with throbbing heart,
And think of those who are ne'er forgot;
Their flags come home—why come *they* not?
Nothing but Flags!—yet we hold our breath
And gaze with awe at those types of death!
Nothing but Flags, yet the thought will come,
The heart must pray though the lips be dumb!
They are sacred, pure, and we see no stain
On those dear loved Flags at home again;
Baptized in blood, our purest, best,
Tattered and torn, they're now at rest.

THE GRAND ARMY BOYS

You may talk about the Masons
And Odd Fellows and such;
You may call them so fraternal
As to fairly beat the Dutch;
You may praise them, if you choose to,
With their mystic rites and noise,
But they can not hold a candle
To our old Grand Army Boys.

For a man that has a memory
Can learn all about the Craft;
He can get degrees and passwords
That can make a funeral laugh,
And be loaded down with symbols—
But for true fraternal joys
They can not hold a candle
To the old Grand Army Boys.

You may talk about your lodges,
But the one that has the call
Is the Starry Flag and eagle,
That is far above them all.
It was won when cannon thundered,
'Mid the battle's smoke and noise,
So there's nothing holds a candle
To the old Grand Army Boys.

Why, they fought and bled together,
And they shared the prison pen,
And they faced the front in battle
With the touch of men.
Then the compact was cemented
'Mid the conflict's crash and noise;
So there's nothing holds a candle
To the old Grand Army Boys.

They fraternal! Well I reckon;
And their charity's all right.
Are they loyal? They have proved it,
For they left their homes to fight;
And the Nation owes them homage,
For the peace it now enjoys;
For there's nothing holds a candle
To the old Grand Army Boys.

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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."