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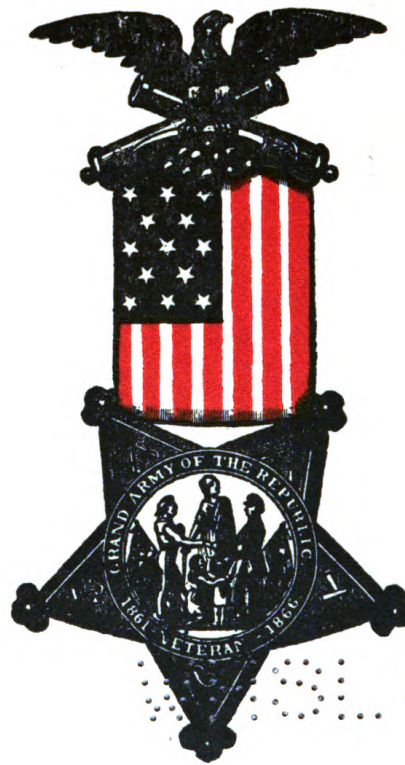
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**Held at Grand Rapids  
June 3rd, 4th, 5th  
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OF THE  
SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

GRAND ARMY  
*of the* REPUBLIC

HELD AT

GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 3, 4, 5, 1942

WITH ADDRESS

OF

JOHN M. PARK, *Department Commander*

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

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

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

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

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Headquarters Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic,  
Lansing, 1942.

Hon. Murray D. Van Wagoner, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Grand Rapids, June 3, 4, and 5, 1942, as required by the statutes.

JOHN M. PARK,  
Department Commander.



MURRAY D. VAN WAGONER  
Governor

**DEPARTMENT OFFICERS  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

**Department Officers, 1941-1942**

Department Commander ..... John M. Park, Coopersville  
Department Sr. Vice Commander ..... Orlando Le Valley, Caro  
Department Jr. Vice Commander ..... Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar  
Chaplain ..... John Killeen, Portland

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.**

\*A. F. Chappell ..... Detroit  
\*J. A. Hamilton ..... Lansing  
W. R. Howland ..... Battle Creek  
\*Truman O. Webber ..... Hastings  
John Haines ..... Detroit

**DELEGATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

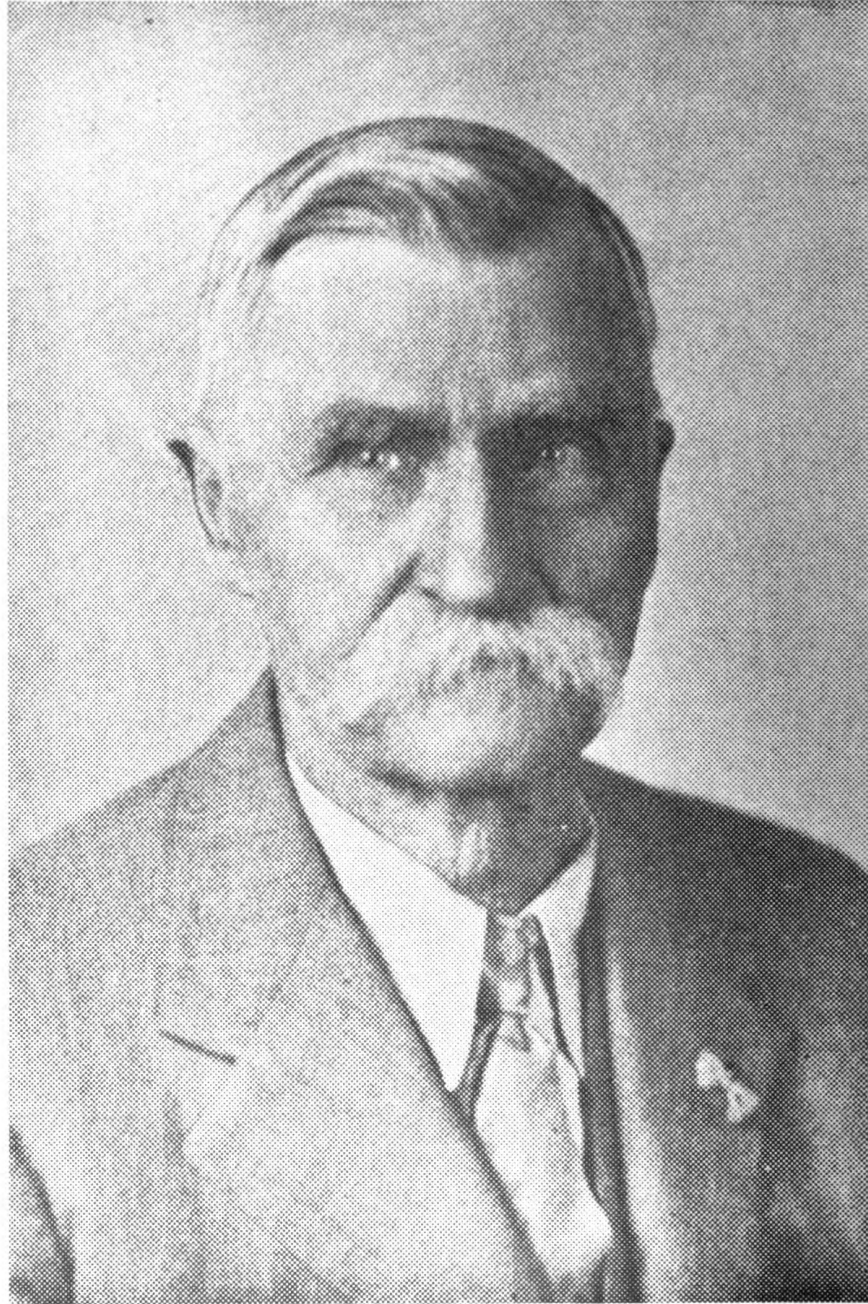
Martin J. Warner. Alternate—John Killeen

**OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS.**

Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General . . . Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids  
Judge Advocate ..... Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids  
Patriotic Instructor ..... Nelson R. Wood, South Haven  
Chief of Staff ..... \*David Plumadore, Detroit  
Sr. Aide ..... Ralph R. Towner, Allegan  
Serg't. of National Colors ..... James Rooney, Port Huron  
Serg't. of Dept. Colors ..... Baker J. Cole, Adrian

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.**

Orlando Le Valley M. J. Warner James F. Ives  
Soldiers' Home—Eugene Owen; Charles P. Hurd.  
Leah M. Simpson, Department Secretary.



**JOHN M. PARK**  
Department Commander 1941-1942



**EUGENE OWEN**  
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General 1941-1942



## 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	Ewart, 1905-6
Joseph B. Griswold, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1907-8
Charles Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1909-10
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Detroit, 1910-11
Geo. W. Stone, deceased	Lansing, 1911-12
John T. Spillane, 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  
 A. C. Estabrook ..... Grand Rapids, 1938-39  
 A. F. Chappell ..... Detroit, 1939-40  
 Martin J. Warner (advanced) ..... Lansing, 1940-1941  
 John M. Park (Orlando Le Valley presiding) ..... Grand Rapids, 1941-1942

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Bigelow, deceased	Montague, 1878-9
No record for 1880 or 1881	
G. R. Wright, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
George L. Fisher, deceased	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer, deceased	1886
W. W. Cook, deceased	Lansing, 1887
True Hart, deceased	Midland, 1888
William H. Russell, deceased	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieeseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton, deceased	Port Huron, 1898
J. C. Bontecou, deceased	Petoskey, 1900
Theo C. Putnam, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1901
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1902
L. D. Vankleek, deceased	Pontiac, 1903
S. A. Aldrich, deceased	Muskegon, 1904
John J. Cornwell, deceased	Battle Creek, 1905
M. D. Morgan, deceased	Traverse City, 1906
Riley L. Jones, deceased	Saginaw, 1907
Edwin B. Nugent, deceased	Bay City, 1908
J. J. Drake, deceased	St. Joseph, 1909
Henry P. Shutt, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1910
A. J. Ward, deceased	Holland, 1911
H. C. Rankin, deceased	Ypsilanti, 1912
John A. Wardell, deceased	Lansing, 1913
Frank L. Manning, deceased	Jackson, 1914
Eli Strong, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1915
Thomas Davey, 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
Gilbert LaCroix, (died in office)	Mt. Clemens, 1938-39
J. F. Beaumont, (died in office)	Milford, 1939-40
M. L. Warner	Grand Rapids, 1940-41
Orlando Le Valley	Caro, 1941-42



## 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
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, 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
William Parker	Lake Odessa, 1938-39
Ira M. Stewart	Petoskey, 1939-40
Orlando LeValley	Caro, 1940-41
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1941-42



**ROSTER.**

**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC  
JANUARY 1, 1942.**

**JOHN A. LOGAN POST NO. 1, SOLDIERS' HOME.**  
Chartered December 9, 1887. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—James F. Ives.

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**CUSTER POST NO. 5, GRAND RAPIDS.**  
Chartered September 27, 1878. Membership 2.  
Post Commander—Eugene Owen.  
Martin J. Warner.

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**FAIRBANKS POST NO. 17, DETROIT.**  
Chartered May 9, 1881. Membership 2.  
Post Commander—A. F. Chappell.  
William H. Jackson.

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**DAVID BECKER POST NO. 25, OGDEN CENTER.**  
Chartered August 20, 1881. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—George W. Wilt.

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**FARRAGUT POST NO. 32, BATTLE CREEK.**  
Chartered November 31, 1881. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—W. R. Howland.

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**ZACH CHANDLER POST NO. 35, SOUTH HAVEN.**  
Chartered November 30, 1881. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—Nelson R. Wood.

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**WOODBURY POST NO. 45, ADRIAN.**  
Chartered February 13, 1882. Membership 2.  
Post Commander—Baker J. Cole.  
Charles E. Riker.

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**EDWARD POMEROY POST NO. 48, JACKSON.**  
Chartered March 9, 1882. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—John Killeen.

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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 1.  
Post Commander—S. H. Carlton.

**WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**

Chartered May 25, 1883.

Post Commander—Orlando Le Valley.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered December 21, 1883.

Post Commander—Isaac Hodgkins.

Membership 1.

**E. W. HOLLINGSWORTH POST NO. 210, ALBION.**

Chartered January 4, 1883.

Post Commander—Jacob Perrine.  
Cared for by Woman's Relief Corps.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered December 23, 1883.

Post Commander—Lemuel Tingley.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered November 18, 1893.

Post Commander—John Hains.

Membership 1.

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

Chartered December 31, 1897.

Post Commander—Dennis McGonegal.  
Holden Albro.

Membership 2.

## Comrades at Large :

## Sponsors

Phenix Ballard	Lela Doran Aux. No. 8
Louis Bourbino	Clara Sailor
George Culver	Bessie Nimmerfall Aux. No. 8
Alonzo Dibble	Tent No. 16
Philip Dohm	Tent No. 14
William Dubay	Mary Wood Tent No. 13
John A. Dunn	Mabel Bantle Tent No. 3
Corydon Foote	Tent No. 20
George Heusted	Past Presidents Tent No. 14
Martin A. Loop	Victoria Conway Tent No. 13
James F. Lyon	Blanche Griffith Aux. No. 8
Oscar Mott	Tent No. 34
George Morgan	Camp No. 8
Chas. Martin	Tent No. 25
Robert Monamus	Mrs. Reichelderfel Tent No. 40
Hugh Orr	Stella Davey Aux. No. 8
Nelson Porritt	Mrs. Kincaid Tent No. 40
William Parker	Aux. No. 8
James Rooney	Tent No. 18
Homer Sherwood	Aux. No. 8
Ralph Towner	Tent No. 41
William Ferguson	Tent No. 44
Wesley J. West	Dist. No. 4

John M. Park  
Chas. P. Hurd  
Joos Ver Planke  
Cyrus Perrigo

Comrades at Large 27

**PROCEEDINGS**  
OF THE  
**SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
**GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC**

PANTLIND HOTEL, GRAND RAPIDS, JUNE 3-6, 1942

Following the joint opening with our Allied Orders in the Black and Silver room, Civic Auditorium, the first session of the sixty-fourth annual Encampment was called to order by Sr. Vice Commander, Orlando Le Valley, who expressed regret that the continued illness of Department Commander, John M. Park, prevented his meeting with us; a sentiment echoed by every Comrade.

Commander Le Valley: We meet in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, may nothing occur to mar the happiness of this week. I ask your co-operation as I take up the duties before me. I will appoint Comrade Warner to act as Officer of the Day.

Comrade Warner: I will do my best.

Commander Le Valley: Officer of the Day, you will present Comrade George A. Gay, Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander Le Valley: Commander in Chief, it is a very great honor that is mine, to welcome you to our Encampment; that you and Mrs. Gay have made the long trip from New Hampshire to be with us will always be the happy memory of this Encampment.

Commander Le Valley: I will ask Comrade Owen, Quartermaster General, to add a word.

Comrade Owen: Commander in Chief Gay, I don't think any of us would have words to tell you how proud we were when our Secretary notified us you were surely coming. We are glad you and Mrs. Gay are here and hope you have a pleasant week in Michigan.

Commander in Chief Gay: Department Commander and MY Comrades, I am quite overcome with this hearty welcome, but rather think it is Mrs. Gay and I who are honored; we are glad we could come, it is a real privilege to sit with eight of my comrades and with your Secretary and Mrs. Gay to gather round the family table as we did this morning, to partake of the material blessings so bountifully provided. There is no other country in the world where such a meeting could be held. We claim Michigan as one of our best Departments—the only one having a gain in membership last year, almost 100%, I understand only two Comrades living in the state, not members of your Department; I tell you that is a marvelous record, and all this by the effort of your splendid Secretary, I wonder do you appreciate her?

Comrade Owen: I surely do.

Comrades Killeen and Warner: Don't leave us out of that. We voted her "life Secretary" just to show every one we wanted to keep her till the last Comrade is gone.

Commander in Chief Gay: That's fine; again my thanks for your welcome and may God bless you.

Department Commander Le Valley: The Chaplain will lead in prayer.

Chaplain Killeen: I have asked the Secretary to help me in the reading.

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. 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.

Roll call responded to by

Commander in Chief—George A. Gay  
 Department Sr. Vice Commander—Orlando Le Valley, Caro  
 Department Jr. Vice Commander—Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar  
 Department Chaplain—John Killeen, Portland  
 Judge Advocate—Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids  
 Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General—Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids  
 Comrades at Large—W. H. Ferguson, Kent City; Martin A. Loop,  
 Adrian; Chas. P. Hurd, Grand Rapids.

Commander Le Valley: I will ask the Secretary to read the address of the Department Commander, John M. Park.

#### ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER.

##### COMRADES:

Again we gather in the hospitable city of Grand Rapids, to hold our Annual Encampment; eight times Grand Rapids has opened its heart and homes to honor our organization and the Comrades of the Civil War. A record held by no other city, which deserves and receives our deepest thanks.

One year ago you elected me to this highest office in our Department; as I pass this honor to another, I deeply regret that months of illness prevented my accepting the many calls to mingle with you and our Allied Orders. My thanks to our Department Secretary who so ably represented me on these occasions.



The year has been saddened by the passing of four from my staff: Comrades J. A. Hamilton, Quartermaster General; A. F. Chappell, Past Department Commander; Dennis McGonigal, chief of Staff; Truman O. Webber, Administrative Board, and ten faithful members.

My first official duty was to accept the parade Flag presented us by the Michigan Department Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This Flag now graces Headquarters in the Capitol.

Before leaving Lansing was guest of the Ladies of the G. A. R. at luncheon.

Many honors have been bestowed on me by my home town. I am specially indebted to the Daughters who have entertained me many times.

I attended the Father and Sons banquet and observance of Washington's birthday, receiving every courtesy and recognition of the part the Grand Army has had in building our Country since the Civil War.

In September I anticipated joining our delegation at National Encampment in Columbus, but was taken ill, the doctor forbade the trip—regretfully I put away my traveling bag. Have since left my home on few occasions.

My thanks to Sr. Vice Le Valley who represented me. That Michigan was again honored in the appointment of Comrade Hamilton as Quartermaster General, was soon shadowed by his death in December. Again we were honored in the appointment of Comrade Owen and Miss Simpson retained as his Secretary.

**MEMBERSHIP:** With deep pride I note the fact that while our ranks grow thinner and every state shows a loss, Michigan is the only state showing a GAIN. This is entirely due to our Secretary whose countless letters clearing records and hours spent searching old files in Headquarters, brought the enrollment of 18 Comrades at Large, all glad to again be in the Grand Army fold.

In August accompanied by Comrade Owen and Miss Simpson I made my only official visit to the Soldiers' Home, where we were received by Col. Baker and presented to the members of the Board, then in session. A pleasant hour was spent at the home of Comrade and Mrs. Ives, where we were joined by Comrade Warner. I regret Comrade Hurd was out of the city. A long ride to places of interest closed the day. I express our thanks to Miss Eleanor Giradot who furnished her car and accompanied us.

**MEMORIAL DAY:** May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, then our Commander in Chief, designated May 30th, as Memorial Day, in the now famous General Orders No. 11. Through all the years the Grand Army has held this day sacred. While no longer able to actively assist, many Comrades attend services and pause to remember their Comrades. Let us protest every effort to change to any other date.

**ENCAMPMENTS:** Unable to leave my home in January, I delegated Miss Simpson to represent the Department and preside at the PRELIMINARY meeting held in Owosso to plan for this Encampment;

the result of this and four subsequent meetings, you are familiar with. I offer a recommendation pertaining to this subject.

**DEFENSE:** Comrades it is not necessary for me to go into this subject; I do urge a careful consideration of the recommendation. In reviewing the year, I find our Secretary has never been granted a day's vacation and on many occasions has made no charge for travel expense when on official duty; on the meager salary allowed from our appropriation I believe this also should be considered.

Comrades, the record of this Administration is nearly finished; I pray God, I may be given strength to be with you at this Encampment; I have done my best to serve you; as I again take my place in the ranks, in all truth I can record that every officer has been loyal, every Comrade and member of Allied Orders, kind. Our Secretary has given every day of the year to our service visiting me, conferring on every problem, the records show hundreds visit our Headquarters—groups of pupils seeking items for Special essay work on Civil War history; all graciously received and much gained from the "talks" given by Miss Simpson; Comrade Owen made the trip to visit me; for all these and every kindness shown, I am profoundly grateful.

We are under renewed obligation to the Legislature and State, for the annual renewal of the appropriation to maintain the Headquarters in the Capitol, and for the many courtesies shown our Department Secretary.

My last appeal as your Commander, let no shadow of dissension ever enter our ranks; let the light of FRATERNITY, CHARITY and LOYALTY encircle us as we clasp hands and enter the "Sunset Trail."

JOHN M. PARK,  
Department Commander.

Acting Department Commander Le Valley: The report with recommendations will be referred to Comrades Owen, Warner and Ferguson.

Commander in Chief Gay: That's as fine a report as I have ever listened to. I think we all know who prepared it for your Commander who is so ill.

Acting Department Commander Le Valley: Secretary, have we other reports?

Secretary Simpson: Commander, all reports are ready. Comrade Owen asks that I read his.

#### REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT AND QUARTERMASTER GENERAL.

John M. Park, Department Commander: I have the honor to present the Consolidated report of the numerical and financial standing of the Department, for the year ending June 1, 1942:



Number of Posts, June 1, 1941.....	18
Number of members June 1, 1941.....	39
Gain.	
By Comrades at Large .....	18
Loss.	
Posts Disbanded .....	4
Members by Death .....	14
Number of Posts June 1, 1942 .....	14
Number of Members June 1, 1942.....	43

Only through the persistent effort of our Secretary has this gain in membership been accomplished. So far as is known only two Civil War veterans now living in Michigan are not members of our Department. We hold third place in membership on the National roll. I would express our thanks to our Secretary whose devotion to our interests has brought about this unlooked for increase in membership, at this period in the life of the Department.

Of the Posts now recorded, No. 5 of Grand Rapids and No. 45 of Adrian hold a membership of two, all others, one lone Comrade as Commander, remains to carry on. We now have 27 Comrades at Large.

Finances.

Cash on hand, June 1, 1941.....	\$113.64
Interest, Standard Loan .....	42.50
Allegan Bank, from Disbanded Post No. 56 .....	1.67
Transferred to Michigan National Bank.....	800.00
Donation from W. R. C. No. 1, South Haven.....	1.00
National Per Capita Tax .....	41.00
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Total receipts .....	999.81

Enclosed with this report all itemized bills and vouchers drawn are submitted for the following disbursements, for each month.

1941	
June .....	\$37.15
July .....	9.19
August .....	19.78
September .....	166.28
October .....	29.32
November .....	8.64
December .....	16.72
1942	
January .....	7.86
February .....	66.59
March .....	3.33
April .....	10.87
May .....	11.68
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Total .....	\$387.41
Cash balance on hand June 1, 1942 .....	\$612.40

## Michigan National Bank.

Lansing, Michigan, May 28, 1942.

Department of Michigan  
Grand Army of the Republic  
Lansing, Michigan.

Gentlemen :

This will certify that the balance to the credit of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, on the books of the Michigan National Bank, Lansing, Michigan, at the close of business May 27, 1942, was \$612.40.

Yours very truly,

GEORGE WYATT,  
Assistant Cashier.

GW:f

Grand Rapids, June 2, 1942.

Department of Michigan  
Grand Army of the Republic.

Gentlemen :

I have carefully checked all receipts and vouchers issued for disbursements and find all correct, with cash balance as shown by the bank.

Respectfully submitted,

L. M. FLANSBURGH,  
Auditor.

It has been my pleasure to accept many invitations to meet with our Allied orders and patriotic groups. I accompanied Secretary Simpson to Coopersville to visit our Commander, who has been confined to his home many weeks; attended Mother's Day service with the Daughters; was present at every session of the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio; was guest of Department President, W. R. C., at the banquet; attended the Sons and Daughters banquet; the reception given in Capitol by the Governor and Lady, and rode in the parade.

Following the death of Comrade James A. Hamilton, the honor of appointment to the office of Quartermaster General came to me from Commander in Chief George A. Gay; I was installed on my 93rd birthday, by Department Commander Union Mackey of the Sons of Union Veterans. In February with Secretary Simpson I joined the Commander in Chief and National heads of the Allied orders in Indianapolis, where plans were made for the 76th National Encampment. Miss Simpson was retained as my Secretary and carries on the work at our Lansing Headquarters. The books and banking as kept by her are models of business like exactness to the entire satisfaction of the National organization and myself; no words of mine can express my appreciation.

I anticipate Memorial Sunday with the Daughters and as in past years Memorial Day at the Soldiers' Home in tribute to our Soldiers, this year with a greater appreciation of the word—Sacrifice—as our

minds turn to the war raging on sea and land, calling our youth to the "Colors" may God guide and protect those who suffer for us. I am heartily in favor of the Department buying one or more Defense Bonds.

To Miss Eleanor Giradot with whom Comrade Warner and I motored to National Encampment and to Col. Baker for the many courtesies, on my visits to the Home and for taking Comrade Warner and I to attend the funeral of Quartermaster General Hamilton in Lansing, my sincere thanks.

Commander Park, I thank you for the honor of serving on the Department staff; the association has been pleasant, while I have deeply regretted your continued illness.

Submitted in F.C. and Loyalty,  
EUGENE OWEN,  
Asst. Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Motion by Comrade Warner, seconded by Comrade Loop, the report with statement submitted by Michigan National Bank, Assistant Cashier and the Auditor be accepted and placed on file. Motion carried.

Comrade Owen: Department Commander I want to thank our Secretary for preparing this report and making many trips to Grand Rapids to confer with me; not a penny out as shown by the Auditor and Assistant Cashier of the bank.

Commander in Chief Gay: I want to put a new thought before you Comrades. Your Secretary as Secretary to National Quartermaster General was 100% in the bookkeeping and finances last year, and we know will be this. Few Departments have one who can act as Chaperon to nine of "us youngsters" at Encampment, write reports and keep books, too.

Secretary Simpson, laughingly replies: "I enjoy every minute of it—with special emphasis on the "Chaperon."

Commander in Chief Gay: Commander Le Valley, please excuse our chatting, but I gather from the Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and these comrades that the Department adds nothing to the meager salary allowed from the appropriation for your Secretary; these reports show many times she pays a part of expense incurred in carrying on Department work. Now this should not be. Comrades think about it and do the right thing. I don't know of a Secretary, not allowed a hundred a month when required to maintain Headquarters. Many think the work must now be less, but this is not so; we officers used to do the work of our offices, now everything comes to Headquarters and falls on the Secretary, who must represent and keep up the standard of your Department.

Assistant Adjutant Owen: I have long wanted something done about this. Commander, I will make a motion that fifty dollars a month be added to salary of Secretary Simpson. Every Comrade tries to second the motion.

Secretary Simpson: Commander in Chief, Department Commander Le Valley and Comrades. I am deeply touched by this expression of confidence and appreciation of my work, but must positively decline this remuneration from our Department. Our working funds would in no way allow for this. I have dedicated my working days to You, so long as strength to do, is mine and in some way will do the things necessary. Commander please do not put this motion.

Acting Department Commander Le Valley: The Secretary should not pay any expense in doing our work. I have never known about any salary and am glad this has been explained. This brought same expression from every Comrade. Secretary Simpson finally agreeing to present all expense accounts to the A.A. and Q.M. General and Commander for approval.

Comrade Owen: Commander, I made the other motion which did not get over, I now move the Secretary be allowed her expenses. Seconded by Comrade Ferguson and carried.

Secretary thanks the Comrades and continues the reading of reports.

Comrade Warner: Commander, I would like to ask what is to be done about our buying a Defense Bond. I promised that if the ladies of Custer Corps would buy one I would buy them one also, and we are doing it today. Uncle Sam has been good to every one of us and now is our chance to do something in return.

Comrade Owen: Commander, the Committee favor the Department Commander's recommendations, but I think it will be best to have open discussion; our Secretary can read so all may hear before voting them.

Acting Commander Le Valley: If there is no objection I will ask the Secretary to read each one separately.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

### No. 1—

That the Secretary be authorized to confer with city officers and Committees extending invitations for future Encampments, BEFORE such invitations are presented for acceptance by Grand Army; the date and place of next Encampment to be left in hands of Secretary and Council of Administration.

Comrade Owen: Approved by Committee, I move the adoption of Recommendation. Seconded by Comrade Loop and Carried.

### No. 2—

Realizing our inability for active service in the war in which America is now engaged—That the Department of Michigan purchase one Defense Bond; the amount, beneficiary, and disposition of said Bond to be decided by vote of this or some future Encampment.

Comrade Owen: Approved by Committee but there seems a question about the beneficiary or disposition as it will be some years before ma-

turity and Michigan Department may not be functioning. Perhaps the Commander in Chief can help us.

Commander in Chief Gay: You understand in time of need you can cash in on these Bonds before maturity but by looks of this Department with 45 members some Comrades will still be carrying on. You all know the National Law, that whatever property or money in possession of a Department at time of dissolution, is taken over by the National organization, same as all property in possession of a Post belongs to your Department, when Post disbands so I see no reason for this part of Recommendation to bother you.

Comrade Owen: Department Commander I move the Department of Michigan purchase one Defense Bond (of first group) the vote to be recorded by Secretary. Seconded by Comrade Warner and declared Carried. Recorded vote—in favor, seven—opposed one.

No. 3—

That we protest changing date of Memorial Day, to any date other than May 30.

Commander Le Valley: All in favor, "Aye", declared unanimously Carried.

No. 4—

That we protest calling the Civil War the "WAR between the States."

Commander Le Valley: All in favor, "Aye", opposed—It is Carried.

Comrade Owen: I think we all understand now and we may safely leave the details to be carried out by our Secretary.

Commander Le Valley: This finishes the Recommendations offered by Department Commander Park, anything further to be done?

Comrade Owen: The Committee on Department Commander's report approved both report and recommendations offered; we regret the continued illness of the Commander. Motion made, seconded and carried report be filed and printed in Journal.

Acting Department Commander Le Valley: It is now 12:30 I declare a recess for luncheon. We re-convene at 1:30.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Called to order at 1:40 P. M.

At this time the Flag presented by Department Michigan Daughters of Union Veterans is advanced to position at right of Commander and all join in giving Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer of the Day, Warner: Department Commander you can see the room is filled with happy Daughters and overflow in the halls.

Commander Le Valley: Secretary will you present these Daughters?



Secretary Simpson: I am indeed glad to present this group of nine Past Department Presidents, Mrs. Hecht of Indiana who represents the National President and the Chairman, Sister Tressa Bowmaster. These Past Department Presidents are old friends who never miss an opportunity to visit us.

Tressa Bowmaster: Commander in Chief, Department Commander and Comrades: The happiest hour of the week is when we Daughters visit our Fathers, to greet old friends and today, these Comrades, new to us tho we Daughters have adopted several this year as our special care. We know you were all comrades with our Fathers and Grandfathers; we are proud of our eligibility that allows us to belong to you a tie nothing can sever. We love you and will always be loyal and perpetuate your memories "when the Boys in Blue, are Gone". I am happy to clasp hands with our Commander in Chief and his Comrades.

Mrs. Hecht: I am proud my Father fought for freedom with these dear Comrades even now your Sons and Grandsons are again defending these Colors fighting to keep the Freedom you preserved to us. The Greetings from the National Organization are tender and true. God bless and keep you.

Commander Le Valley: It would be dreary indeed if the Daughters did not come to us; you are always welcome. I know you will like a word from Commander in Chief.

Commander in Chief Gay: No word just says what you Daughters are to us. We know and appreciate what you have done for our National. Sixteen hundred dollars last year shows loyal work and lots of it. You are the blood stream of the Grand Army of the Republic, we love you all.

Tressa Bowmaster presents gift to Department Commander from Department President Hazel Derby and a remembrance to each Comrade and Secretary. Singing "Let Me Call You Sweetheart;" "You Belong to Me", they reluctantly leave.

Comrade Warner: Commander Le Valley, the rooms and halls are so crowded, these Daughters can't get out. Commander suggests a line be formed that all may pass and greet each Comrade, allowing the Greetings Groups to enter, as soon as possible.

Officer of the Day, Warner: I present Mrs. Elva Warner, Department President Woman's Relief Corps, Miss Grace Johnson, National Secretary and ten Past Department Presidents, our Secretary one of the group.

Commander Le Valley: I will ask the Secretary to present each one to our Commander in Chief. I think you know every Comrade.

Mrs. Elva Warner: I bring the greetings of the Department of Michigan, your only Auxiliary and a report of the work in Department for the year just ending.

JOHN M. PARK, *Department Commander.*



ELVA WARNER

Department President Women's Relief Corps

As president of your auxiliary I come to you this afternoon to wish you one of the very best conventions you have ever had. There are such a few of you that I know it is difficult. But nevertheless your auxiliary is going to carry on and I will now read you my report of our year's work.

Number of Corps June 1st, 1941 .....	106
Number of Corps June 1st, 1942 .....	106
Number of members March 31st, 1941 .....	5,354
Number of members March 31st, 1942 .....	5,328
Cash expended for relief .....	\$ 639.70
Cash expended for flowers .....	\$ 1,162.40
Value of relief other than money .....	\$ 34,141.66
Child welfare .....	\$ 1,117.15
Two funeral sprays .....	\$ 10.60
Number of persons assisted—Grand Army and other Veterans	489
Veterans Families assisted .....	103
Spanish War Veterans .....	208
World War Veterans .....	952
Army Nurses .....	15
Others not relatives of soldiers .....	2,902
Cash expended for Non-Pensioners .....	\$ 17.00

And now my dear Department Commander our year's work is finished and I hope you have enjoyed the work as much as I have and I hope to see you next year at the convention and I do thank you for all the courtesies shown me.

Yours in F. C. & L.,  
ELVA WARNER,  
Department President.

Miss Grace Johnson: Department Commander it is a privilege I prize, to bring greetings to this Department and our Commander in Chief, your honored guest. Our eligibility was drafted by the Grand Army; we prize it, are one with you "What God hath joined together, no one can put asunder". We have had a part in your every activity these many years and pledge to carry on the great work you have outlined for us.

Commander Le Valley: Yes, the Woman's Relief Corps is always back of us to help.

Commander in Chief: I often wonder if in years to come you can continue the great work you do and as I look into your faces I know you can and will.

Comrade Hurd: The Corps at the Soldiers' Home is always doing something to bring happiness. We thank you for your visit.

Department President Warner presents gift to Commander and every Comrade.

Every Past Department President greets each Comrade as we prepare to accompany them to the Ball Room for the Annual Memorial service.

Secretary Simpson: Department Commander, this great basket of flowers was brought to us by Mrs. Genevieve Viets, Past Department President Ladies of the G. A. R., in memory of her father, Comrade Metzger, through the years she has never failed to bring them.

*"To live in the hearts of those we leave behind,  
Is Not, to die."*

Commander: You will please thank her for us all. We will now attend the Memorial. Return to this room at its close as we will go into election of officers and closing work.

Returning from Memorial which was rarely beautiful, business was resumed. A greetings committee was announced. Mrs. Winifred Miller, Department President, Auxiliary United Spanish War Veterans, paid glowing tribute to "that great army who led the way and has inspired us in all patriotic activities."

Mrs. Clara Wierenga, Past Department President, pledged continued loyalty. "May you come again, we in Grand Rapids, want you to, again and again." Beautiful flowers presented.

Secretary Simpson: Ladies, that you have come to greet our Comrades and have brought these lovely flowers, brings a warm glow to our hearts. Today soldiers of all wars clasp hands in brotherly love and while the



hand clasp of the men of 61-65 grows weaker we know with those fighting for us today, all stand for the freedom won at so great a cost by our Boys in Blue. We know and honor your Department Commander, Cornelius Swart. Thank you for coming to us with your message of good will.

Commander Le Valley. Commander Swart is a valued friend of the Grand Army.

The ladies are escorted from the room by Comrades Owen and Warner.

Acting Department Commander Le Valley: Secretary, any other business before election?

Secretary reads other reports—accepted—to appear in Journal.

#### REPORT OF THE SENIOR VICE COMMANDER.

EUGENE OWEN, Assistant Adjutant General:

My Dear Comrade: The duties that have fallen to me have not been arduous as each year all reports and detail work of the Department is carried on by the Secretary, at Headquarters, and the pleasant duty of visiting Posts is no longer possible; the advanced age of our Comrades and the lessening number of members, making Post meetings impossible.

I have made calls on Comrade Perrigo and Heusted, our Comrades at Large; Was confined to the house many weeks, the result of a fall I sustained, which prevented my motoring to visit our Commander Park.

Attended every session of the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio, acting as Commander in his enforced absence, and enjoyed all social events given during the week.

The Legion has charge of the Memorial Services at Caro; I attended as honorary guest. Memorial Day paid tribute to my Comrades and Soldiers of all wars, in the service conducted by the Legion at the White-side Post monument. I am Commander and only surviving member of the Post.

For all courtesies received, which have been many during my two years service. I am grateful. Many times my heart has been saddened, as word of the passing of Comrades with whom I have mingled many years, has come to me.

*On fame's eternal camping ground  
Their silent tents are spread;  
And glory guards with solemn sound,  
The bivouac of the dead.*

Submitted in F. C. & L.,

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,  
Dept. Senior Vice Commander.

## REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

JOHN M. PARK, *Department Commander.*

It is a satisfaction to report there has been no call for decision on any subject. All has been harmony through the year. We stand as one in loyalty to the National Organization and true comradeship with every member. As our years increase and numbers decrease dissension should never enter our ranks.

I deeply regret the serious illness of our Commander. I enjoyed the day he with Comrade Owen and the Secretary spent at the Home and our visit to Comrade Ives, thanks to Miss Giradot.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN J. WARNER,  
Judge Advocate.



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Secretary Simpson: A resolution presented by Comrade Owen.

Resolved: That we deplore the tendency to destroy or discard the priceless relics of the Civil War, relics that would keep in the minds of this and future generations how great were the achievements secured with such equipment now so woefully lacking in all we deem necessary. The history of these relics fills a thrilling chapter in the days of the Civil War and early days of American life that should be preserved to posterity. We protest the dismantling of any such relics now scattered over the State, for the small amount of metal made available for war use until such time as our Government declares this to be absolutely necessary.

Expressions from Comrades Killeen, Hurd and Ferguson that these relics should be left in public places if possible.

Motion made, seconded and carried, that this be left in the hands of the Secretary to contact right departments.

Acting Commander Le Valley: Nominations now in order for Department Commander.

Comrade Owen: I place the name of Orlando Le Valley. Seconded by Comrade Warner. No other nominations under suspension of the rules the Secretary cast the unanimous ballot and Sr. Vice Commander Perrigo declares Comrade Le Valley elected.

Comrade Killeen: I nominate Comrade Perrigo for Sr. Vice Commander. Seconded by Comrade Hurd. No other nominations, Acting Department Commander Le Valley declares Comrade Perrigo elected Department Sr. Vice Commander.

Comrade Perrigo. I nominate Comrade Martin A. Loop for Department Jr. Vice Commander. No other nominations, Commander LeValley declares Martin A. Loop elected.

Comrade Owen. For Delegate to National Encampment I nominate W. H. Ferguson. No other nominations, he is declared elected by Commander Le Valley.

Comrade Warner: I nominate Comrade Hurd for Alternate. He could go from Grand Rapids with us. No other nominations, Chas. P. Hurd is declared elected Alternate to National Encampment.

Acting Department Commander: I thank you Comrades, for the honor conferred on me and will do my best with your help. I know I shall ask much of our Secretary and am glad you have authorized her to visit me occasionally. I shall appoint Eugene Owen Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General.

Comrade Owen: Thank you for the trust, I will name Leah M. Simpson as our Secretary.

Secretary Simpson: Thank you, Comrades, anything you want done just call on me, I too, shall do my best. It is now time to prepare to attend the banquet in the Ball Room. We will meet in the lobby in 15 minutes.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adjourn till 9:30 Thursday A. M.

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

JOHN M. PARK, *Department Commander*:

With the increasing years of our Comrades I find the active work on Memorial Day has been delegated to our Allied Orders who join with all patriotic societies to make this day, sacred to the memory of soldiers of all wars. Reports sent to Headquarters show services were attended by 22 Comrades; sermons preached by ministers of every denomination, Sons of Veterans and at the Soldiers' Home Department Commander Swart, United Spanish War Veterans, conducted services with four Civil War veterans in attendance. Graves in 10 cemeteries reported with 2,475 school pupils assisting. Ten Posts own burial plats.

A splendid work is done in our large cities. Detroit leading as reported by Mrs. Idella Mac Neal Chairman of Decorating Committee. Flags on 7,000 graves proclaimed "here rests a Soldier" 950 plants carried to Hospitals and homes where Soldiers of all wars were confined, but not forgotten. Comrade Haines dedicated the wreath at Monument. Three large Flags presented to Cemetery.

In Portland a Flag dedication opens the day. It is my privilege to lead the parade to the bridge for the W. R. C. service and to the Mound of the Soldiers Monument where Mrs. Marie Green, Secretary to Post No. 48 will assist in giving the G. A. R. Memorial. I am the only surviving member of Post No. 48 of Jackson.

I attended every session of Encampment in Lansing and in September was guest of Governor Van Wagener, when the captured Southern Flags were returned to the South.

My interest is always with the Grand Army but my health forbids active service. I treasure the expression of your regard in the appointment as one of your staff.

In F. C. and L.  
JOHN KILLEEN,  
Department Chaplain.

#### REPORT OF PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

JOHN M. PARK, Commander.

Reports have been received at Headquarters from 13 Posts and 10 Comrades at Large, filled with the spirit of patriotism. Services in almost every city and village arranged by our patriotic societies were largely attended by our Comrades, many having a part in them.

Our schools are well supplied with Flags and teachers prepare many programs. 625 Flags were given schools pupils for Memorial Day parade in South Haven. Comrades report visits to six schools and 4 Flag presentations.

Armistice Day found 14 Comrades at the head of parades. I attended the exercises and will have my usual part in Memorial tribute in Lake View Cemetery and at the service held at the lagoon. A tablet honoring the memory of Post No. 35 will be unveiled. I am Commander and only surviving member of the Post.

Submitted in F. C. and L,  
NELSON R. WOOD,  
Patriotic Instructor.

THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 1942.

Promptly at 9:30 the closing session was called to order by Acting Commander Le Valley, with nine Comrades present.

Chaplain Killeen: Let us all repeat the Lord's Prayer.

Acting Commander Le Valley: Is there anything to be taken care of before installation?

Comrade Warner: The Resolutions Committee would like to ask the Secretary to prepare the thanks to all who have been so grand to us this week. Secretary Simpson assures him all will be remembered.

Comrade Owen: I move our Secretary send greeting with names of all Comrades present to Commander Park and our thanks to Mrs. Viets. Motion carried.

Comrade Warner: I want to tell our Commander in Chief again how honored we have been that he has been with us all week and hope he comes again. Every Comrade joins in this.

Commander in Chief: This week has been a revelation to me to see how splendidly your work is carried on—can't be beat—I am glad I came and loath to leave.

Comrade Ferguson: Commander I place the motion that a vote of thanks be given our Secretary for her fine work and care she has given us. I never experienced anything like it. Every Comrade seconds; Commander declares it unanimous. Secretary expresses thanks.

Comrade Warner: A greetings committee.

Mrs. Betty Steelberg and Elizabeth Carlson, enter with lovely flowers in memory of Past Department Commander Lyman A. Gilbert in whose honor their Corps is named.

Comrade Killeen: We are glad you came. Comrade Gilbert was a true friend.

*All honor to our noble dead  
Who for their Country fought  
May all their good and worthy deeds  
Inspire our grateful thought.*

Comrade Warner: Commander, the Sons, their Auxiliary, Ladies of the G. A. R., and friends have crowded every room and halls to greet us and witness the Installation.

Urien Mackey: Department Commander, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; Commander in Chief, Department Commander and Comrades. I bring greetings from every Son in Michigan Department and pledge continued loyalty; with our Auxiliary we recessed to come to you. Anything you want done we stand ready to do. Just call us, we want to serve you.



Miss Isla Dow, Department President of the Auxiliary: This is the happiest hour of my Convention. I bring the love and pledge of service to the Grand Army, from every member of our Department. To your Secretary I have a small gift, just to say how much I appreciated the kindness and consideration shown me through the year. Badges exchanged. Miss Simpson, I have enjoyed your friendship and thank you for this gift.

Miss Dow: Department Commander, I have the honor to present our National President, Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, who greets Commander in Chief as an old friend and has a happy word for each Comrade as she pins on the Auxiliary badge. Department President adds a lovely rose—"for love".

One hundred members pass through the rooms, greet our Comrades and try to find place to witness the Installation.

Commander in Chief: This is a splendid demonstration of loyalty to the Michigan Department and the regard in which you hold every Comrade and their Secretary but they deserve every bit of it. I regret we are not in a hall and could have the full military Installation as it is now we are very informal and happy. I will ask Department Commander Mackey to act as Officer of the Day: You will present for obligation Orlando Le Valley for Department Commander. Obligation taken, he is conducted to station by Officer of the Day, Mackey. Commander Le Valley: I appoint Eugene Owen, Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General and by request of Comrade Owen and every Comrade, Leah M. Simpson will remain Department Secretary.

Commander in Chief: Officer of the Day present the Comrades for obligation, this done they are conducted to seats.

Commander in Chief: This concludes our simple installation. I declare these offices duly installed and authorized to perform any duty their strength will permit. My last pleasant duty is to place over a heart that beats true for the Grand Army this badge of office. Pins Department Commander badge on Department Commander Orlando Le Valley. Never give up your Department while one Comrade lives and may you always keep your Secretary Simpson.

Department Commander Le Valley: I thank you Commander in Chief and Department Commander Mackey for this fine installation.

Cloy Smith, National Representative: Comrades of my Grandfather, I bring a message from the National Commander in Chief of the Sons to assure you that as you stood loyally back of your great Commander in 61-65, so the Sons will stand back of you to serve you always and perpetuate your memory when the last Boy in Blue has joined his Comrades.

Mrs. Pearl Nihranz, Department President: Ladies of the G. A. R. expresses the devotion of her organization to the Grand Army; presents gift to Commander and every Comrade with the wish—God spare you many years to guide and inspire us. Presents Mrs. Winifred Trigg, National Representative in greeting.

George Geise, Past National Commander in Chief Phillipine and China veterans in greeting says "75% serving in the Phillipine and Manilas, were descendants of Civil War Veterans."

Perle Foch, Past National Senior Vice Commander in Chief of the Sons, paid glowing tribute to the men of 61-65. "You gave us the freedom we now possess; you are entitled to every honor; you left your mark not on the sands but on the solid rock of Freedom, no war, no foreign power shall ever take it from us; to this the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, stand pledged."

Commander in Chief: These tributes cause our hearts to beat with pride in our Sons. Our freedom is worth fighting for; work together and no Hitler will ever take it from us. You are Sons of noble men—keep the faith of your Fathers whose very blood gave you this land.

Installation declared closed but all linger in happy fellowship until reminded by Mrs. Nihranz, the Commander and Chief and wife, Department of Michigan and Secretary are to be guests of Ladies of the G.A.R. luncheon in Swiss Room.

Department Commander Le Valley raps for order, expresses thanks to "everybody for everything". At 12:30 P. M. declares the Sixty-Fourth Annual Encampment, closed sine die.



EUGENE OWEN

### INSPECTION OF SOLDIERS' HOME.

#### COMRADES:

As Chairman of your committee to report on condition at Soldiers' Home, I submit the following: The Commandant received us graciously and provided a guide who accompanied us through the buildings. It happened to be the day the ladies of the Corps were giving a party; we entered a large parlor, furnished with all things necessary for entertainment; the bright sunshine gives this room a most cheerful appearance.

Adjoining the parlor is the dining room, always an attraction. We found it neat, orderly and equipped with everything necessary, for the useful purpose for which it is intended. The cooking is done by steam,

the bread cutting, potato peeling and dishwashing, all done mechanically saves much labor. Three kinds of bread are served and on the shelves were long rows of pies—it requires from 70 to 90 pies for a meal.

The O. T. is a busy place. It is now fitted with a band saw, circle saw and a jig saw, a drill press, wood lathe and sander, there is also a glue and paint room. Six or seven men find employment in this department. The laundry is furnished with modern machinery. The average amount of laundry passing through this department is eight tons each month.

The second floor of the main building houses the women; the number varies from 56 to 79 as many request furloughs during the hot weather. Since our last inspection, new furniture has been added, making the ladies' parlor a very attractive place, the only complaint I heard was the lack of awnings to keep out the hot afternoon sun, this lack was also evident in the office. The linoleum covered floors are well kept and the ladies in their bright colored house dresses appeared happy and contented.

On this floor is the concert hall where church service is held Sunday morning. Catholic service is held each Sunday morning in the Chapel proper, on the grounds. A moving picture furnishes entertainment one night a week.

The third floor houses the soldiers. Comfortable looking beds, rocking chairs, very much in evidence; the general appearance orderly and comfortable.

The Hospital well supervised and very neat; the patients happy and contented as one could expect; doctors, nurses and orderlies flit busily about; a trained dietitian attends to the better health part and the food looked appetizing. The equipment is modern and I feel everything possible is being done for the longevity of the soldiers and their kin.

The outside of buildings has been painted; the grounds with the great spaces of green sod, beautiful trees, flower gardens and urns are rarely beautiful. About the rooms, offices, and particularly in the hospital flowers are displayed and sent their sweet fragrance through the buildings. A visit to the greenhouses makes one wonder at the possibility of producing so much beauty as the buildings are in a very dilapidated condition—look as though a heavy storm might blow them away.

Other than this condition and the lack of awnings I would report that the Michigan Soldiers' Home is excellently furnished and efficiently managed. Michigan has reason to be proud of its home for soldiers.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE OWEN,



## UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

The imposing Black and Silver room in Civic Auditorium was filled as Commander in Chief, George A. Gay, Quartermaster General Eugene Owen, eight Comrades, Mrs. Gay and Department Secretary, Leah M. Simpson enter to the strains of "Hail to the Chief".

Our hearts beat high as we join the Maccabees Chorus of thirty voices in singing AMERICA. Boy Scouts advance the Colors and lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome to Grand Rapids; the Mayor in warm words voiced his love for the Grand Army.

To the Grand Army of the Republic and all  
Affiliated Organizations:

It is indeed a great honor for us to have the opportunity and pleasure of entertaining you again in Grand Rapids.

Particularly in these times do we realize everything you represent and our profound respect and admiration are re-kindled by your presence here.

May your stay in Grand Rapids be a pleasant one and I wish you all God-Speed.

GEORGE W. WELSH, Mayor.

Response by Department Secretary G. A. R. Leah M. Simpson, who introduces each Comrade and presents the Commander in Chief, who inspires us with his challenging address. Heads of Departments and distinguished guests presented: Prayer and benediction by Rev. Cornelius Swart, Department Commander United Spanish War Veterans. General Chairman Rodney D. Schopps is to be congratulated in achieving one of the finest openings ever enjoyed.

## BANQUET—CRYSTAL BALL ROOM.

Tables beautiful with flowers, favors and Flags. Judge Dalton, the ideal Toastmaster; Rodney D. Schopps the gracious host; Frank Sparks, well known to us in his newspaper column proves himself a rarely brilliant orator; Clifford Christensen, Deputy City Attorney; James Baker, President Grand Rapids Council American Legion and Col. Baker, Commandant of Soldiers' Home in tribute to Grand Army, convince us we are with old friends—the doors of the city need no keys—all have opened wide to the magic words "Grand Army of the Republic," this the ninth time.

## CAMP FIRE.

Again the Commander in Chief with Quartermaster General are royally received. The crowd overflows into the halls and hotel lobby.

Speeches, music, drills by W. R. C. teams in brilliant uniforms, presentation of the Colors and Pledge of Allegiance by this great throng.

Chairman Rodney D. Schopps in happy words bids us "come again and Good Bye" and the social activities of the Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment and the ninth time we have been guests of the Pantlind Hotel and Grand Rapids, close in a blaze of glory.

For the efforts of the local committees of our Allied Orders, the Mayor, the management of the Pantlind Hotel and others where members were cared for, the Press for space so freely given in their columns, musicians, orators, Boy Scouts, the Convention Bureau and General Chairman Rodney D. Schopps, the Grand Army of the Republic is profoundly grateful.

#### COMRADES REGISTERED—1942

	Age
George A. Gay, Commander in Chief .....	93
Orlando Le Valley .....	93
Eugene Owen .....	93
Cyrus Perrigo .....	97
John Killeen .....	93
Martin A. Loop .....	99
W. H. Ferguson .....	94
Martin J. Warner .....	96
Chas. P. Hurd .....	96

**MEMORIAL ROLL  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.  
FOR THE YEAR 1941**

**POST NO. 17—DETROIT**

David Plumadore ..... Private, Co. D, 9th Mich. Infantry

**POST NO. 42—LANSING**

James A. Hamilton ..... Private, Co. G, 12th Mich. Infantry

**POST NO. 45—ADRIAN**

J. H. Pangburn ..... Private, Co. B, 47th Ohio Infantry

**POST NO. 56—ALLEGAN**

A. C. Estabrook ..... Corporal, Co. E, 28th Infantry

**POST NO. 109—COLDWATER**

L. S. Daniels ..... Sergeant, Co. B, 44th Illinois Infantry

**POST NO. 125—HASTINGS**

Truman O. Webber ..... Co. F, First Wisconsin Cavalry

**POST NO. 294—BIG RAPIDS**

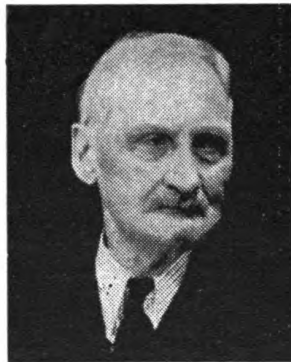
R. H. Russell ..... 106 New York Infantry

**COMRADES AT LARGE**

Nelson J. Dunn ..... Co. K, 23rd Mich. Infantry, Saginaw

Madison Richards ..... Co. G, 25th N. Y. Cavalry, Holland

Ira Mason ..... Co. A, 3 Mo. Cavalry, Pontiac



**JAMES A. HAMILTON**  
Quartermaster General  
Died in office, Dec. 23, 1941

They held aloft Old Glory—Freedom's emblem—not for their own glory but for freedom's sake. The Nation that is unmindful of their service would be unworthy to be served by heroes.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, June 23, 1941.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 1

Series 1941-1942

Having been unanimously elected Commander, Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, at the 63rd Annual Encampment, held in Lansing June 18-20, I hereby assume command. I wish to heartily thank my Comrades for the high honor they have bestowed on me and pledge my best effort to maintain the high standard achieved by my predecessors in this office. I join in thanks with every Comrade in attendance, to our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who conducted the Installation Service; Past Department Commander Perle Fouch, as Installing Officer, with our Past Dept. Commander, Martin J. Warner.

OFFICERS ELECTED AND INSTALLED.

Department Commander	John M. Park, Coopersville
Department Sr. Vice Commander	Orlando Le Valley, Caro
Department Jr. Vice Commander	Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar
Chaplain	John Killeen, Portland

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

A. F. Chappell	Detroit
J. A. Hamilton	Lansing
W. R. Howland	Battle Creek
Truman O. Webber	Hastings
John Haines	Detroit

DELEGATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

Martin J. Warner.	Alternate—John Killeen
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OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS.

Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General	Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids
Judge Advocate	Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids
Patriotic Instructor	Nelson R. Wood, South Haven
Chief of Staff	David Plumadore, Detroit
Sr. Aide	Ralph R. Towner, Allegan
Serg't. of National Colors	James Rooney, Port Huron
Serg't. of Dept. Colors	Baker J. Cole, Adrian

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Orlando Le Valley                      M. J. Warner                      James F. Ives  
 Soldiers' Home—Eugene Owen; Charles P. Hurd.

The 75th National Encampment of the Grand Army will be held in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 14th-19th, 1941. Michigan Headquarters will be established in Deshler-Wallick Hotel. Comrades wishing to attend please notify our Secretary Leah M. Simpson, Box 433 Lansing, as soon as possible. She will be happy to make all arrangements.

Remember this is the "Jubilee Year" and every one should make a special effort to attend. All plans point to the best Encampment ever held.

Again you are reminded it is our ambition to enroll every veteran now living in Michigan as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic; The pension roll shows thirty who are not members. Our Secretary has secured twelve during the year; many have not answered her appeal. Is there one living near you, if so will you interest him in becoming a member? Help us keep our number on the National roll.

The Encampment just closed went on record for Defense for America only and to take our place in the Michigan Council for Defense, to be represented by our Secretary.

Owosso was chosen as our next Encampment city in 1942. Four invitations were received from cities desirous of honoring the Grand Army.

Communications intended for Department Commander may be addressed to John M. Park, Coopersville; all reports and business connected with the Department address the Secretary, Miss Leah M. Simpson, Box 433 Lansing, Mich.

For the encouraging words of the comrades and members of our affiliated orders the Department Commander expresses his sincere thanks and wishes for the newly elected officers a year of happiness and success.

Comrades, we must stand firmly together, the few years yet ours and maintain our identity as the Grand Army of the Republic to the last survivor. We have no predecessors—we can have no successors.

By Command of  
 JOHN M. PARK,  
 Department Commander.

Official;  
 EUGENE OWEN,  
 Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General.



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

Lansing, Michigan, October 29, 1941.

General Orders No. 2.

Series 1941-1942.

- I. The 75th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic was held in Columbus, Ohio, the week of September 14. Michigan Headquarters, established at the Hotel Deshler-Wallick, were in charge of Département Senior Vice Commander, Orlando Le Valley and our Secretary. The serious illness of Commander John M. Park, which prevented his attending, was the only shadow on the week enjoyed by four Comrades who made up our delegation and brought 104 Comrades from 31 states to mingle again in soldierly companionship—to clasp hands and reminisce of the days when they stood shoulder to shoulder in that conflict to uphold the Union.

Columbus covered itself with credit and glory in the warmth of its welcome and honors shown our men of 1861-1865.

- II. Comrade George A. Gay was elected Commander-in-Chief. To him and his staff, Michigan pledges continued Loyalty.

Department of Michigan was again honored in the appointment of Comrade J. A. Hamilton as Quartermaster General and our Secretary, Miss Simpson, retained as his Secretary. This we appreciate.

National Headquarters are established at 629 South Seventh St., Springfield, Ill.; no decision made as to Encampment city for 1942.

- III. Forms A. and B. accompany these Orders. In accordance with ruling made at National Encampment in 1939 you are reminded the Per Capita Tax of one dollar each member is now due and payable with return of December report. Last year several were delinquent in this slight return to National, for the years of effort which resulted in the comfortable pension now received. The entire amount is sent to the National organization.

Your Commander realizes many are no longer able to attend to the detail of these reports, but this labor of love may now be turned to a Secretary who must be a member of one of our Allied Orders or your family. Return blanks with Tax to Headquarters, Box 433, Lansing, Michigan, before January 10, that the Department report may be on time at National.

- IV. Our Secretary reports twelve Comrades at Large, secured as result of her official visits during the month. We appreciate this work and welcome these Comrades in the Michigan Department.

- V. For the many calls, gifts and remembrance cards received during my "Shut In" days, your Commander is deeply grateful.
- VI. The Preliminary Meeting, to plan for 1942 Encampment, is called for November 15, in Owosso. Only heads of the Allied Orders or representatives may attend.
- VII. **ARMISTICE DAY**—Comrades, join with the soldiers of the World War, in their expression of remembrance of their "Buddies."

**THANKSGIVING DAY**—Let us acknowledge with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God and while we give thanks let our prayer be that no storm or dissension, within or without, shall ever weaken the foundation on which America stands today.

**CHRISTMAS**—May Happiness, Joy and Peace be the unseen guests in every home on this Holy Day and through the glad New Year.

"To dare to go forth, with purpose true,  
To the unknown task of a year that's new,  
To help your brother, along the road,  
To do his work, and lift his load,  
To add Your gift to the world's good cheer,  
Is to have and to give a glad New Year."

#### IN MEMORIAM

Comrade L. S. Daniells—Company B, 44th Illinois Infantry. Commander of Post No. 109, Coldwater.

Comrade Truman O. Webber—Company F, 1st Wisconsin Cavalry. Commander of Post No. 125, Hastings.

Comrade R. H. Russell—10th New York Infantry. Commander of Post 294, Big Rapids.

The passing of these Commanders saw the disbanding of their Posts. Transferred to the ranks of that Grand Army above where all is peace, we treasure their memories and their long years of service in Michigan Grand Army of the Republic.

By Order of

JOHN M. PARK,  
Department Commander.

Official:

EUGENE OWEN,  
Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, April, 1942.

General Orders No. 3.

Series 1941-1942.

A Preliminary meeting of the Grand Army and heads of the Allied Orders was held in Owosso, on November 15; at this and two subsequent meetings, every effort to perfect plans for the 64th Annual Encampment of the Departments to be held in Owosso, was unsuccessful because of the resources of the city being taxed to the limit in Defense work and insufficient housing facilities. The Committee was forced to withdraw the invitation presented at the 63rd Department Encampment.

Our Secretary was delegated to visit other cities; after many trips and conferences held with representatives of four cities, a meeting was called in Grand Rapids attended by Department heads and again Grand Rapids was chosen and date set June 3-4-5, 1942, with Headquarters in the Pantlind Hotel, where all business and social sessions will be held.

All arrangements for the Grand Army are in the hands of our Secretary who will be pleased to give any information requested; address Box 433, Lansing. I urge every Comrade to attend at least one day. Miss Simpson will make your room reservation.

DEFENSE.

In the years 1861-1865, the men of the Grand Army answered the call "To Arms" and more than two million, offered their lives, if need be, to preserve the Union; today that Union is threatened; today we are standing on the frontier of the greatest period in our Country's history; again the youth of our land are offering their lives to preserve the American way of life for US.

Sunday, Dec. 7, 1941, should be stamped indelibly on our hearts—a dastardly attempt to overthrow the peace and liberty of our Republic was made and we Comrades sadly realize that Death, Age and Infirmity have taken their toll, and that in only one way can WE help to avenge Pearl Harbor; with our Bonds and Stamps, WE CAN help win the war of production which shall lead to Victory in the days before us.

"Give all thou canst,  
High Heaven rejects the lore  
Of nicely calculated—less or more."

With this thought in mind, I have asked that all "frills and favors" be omitted and the expense of this Encampment be limited to necessities only; I have faith our Allied Orders will co-operate with the Grand Army in this.

The opening session of the Encampment will be held jointly with Allied Orders Wednesday, June 3, in Ball Room of Pantlind at 10 A. M. Business session at 1:00 P. M. Memorial, 4:00 P. M. Banquet at 6:30

P. M. There will be no parade, this allows Comrades desiring to do so to leave for their homes following the Thursday session.

As evidence of the esteem in which Michigan Department is held in the National Organization, our Commander-in-Chief, George A. Gay, appointed Comrade Eugene Owen to succeed our late Comrade Hamilton as Quartermaster General; Miss Simpson is retained as Secretary. This is the third Michigan Comrade to receive this high honor and Michigan Department appreciates this expression of confidence and heartily congratulates Comrade Owen on having been chosen. The week of February 3, accompanied by Miss Simpson, Comrade attended the meeting in Indianapolis, of the Executive Board, when plans were made for the 76th National Encampment which will be held in Indianapolis the week of Sept. 13. Headquarters in Claypool Hotel. Make your plans with our Secretary, that we may all be together, and sure of rooms in Headquarters Hotel.

#### MEMBERSHIP.

There is a growing fervor in devotion to the Grand Army as each year fewer and fewer Comrades follow the "Sunset Trail." Miss Simpson reports an enrollment of sixteen Comrades at Large, bringing us third on the National Roll of membership; Per Capita Tax was paid on 43 members ending Dec. 31st, 1941, with exception of four, all have responded with this thank offering to National.

To every Daughter who adopted a Comrade as her special care and to our Secretary whose many letters and visits brought about this splendid increase in membership I am very grateful.

#### SUPPLIES.

Quartermaster General Owen advises all National supplies are at Department Headquarters and urges every Comrade to own a copy of late Rules and Amendments and wear the "Little Bronze Button". Secure these from the Secretary, Box 433, Lansing. Price 30 cents.

Commanders, Assistant Adjt. General and Secretaries of Posts are again reminded—Post charters, books of records and papers cannot be given to any individual or organization but must be turned over to the A. A. General of the Department or deposited with Historical society, Public Library or Grand Army Memorial building and notice sent to Department Headquarters; If Post has property, moneys or effects of any kind then such money or property shall become the property of the Department (Chap. V. Art 1.)

The Department has received first dividend from fund of Post 53, of which the late Comrade A. C. Estabrook was Commander. The Post disbanded with his passing, February 12, 1941.

Report blanks for Patriotic Instructor and Chaplain accompany these Orders. Commander and Post Secretaries please record every activity of our Comrades that all may appear in the Journal; as the Journal should be compiled in June please report at very earliest date possible. National General Order No. 1, has been mailed.



## MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday May 10th has been set aside to honor the memories of all Mothers. Let every Comrade display the Flag of our Country and wear the sweetest flower on this day.

## MEMORIAL DAY.

May 24th has been designated Memorial Sunday; Comrades, join with our Allied Orders and soldiers of the late wars, in attending Divine service and again on MEMORIAL DAY make a determined effort to participate in some special service in memory of ALL who have served their Country and with a prayer in your hearts for those, wherever they may be, in foreign land, in the AIR, or on the high SEA—now fighting to preserve the Republic we love and to keep our Flag floating over happy, free peoples.

## FLAG DAY, JUNE 14.

Comrades, ere this great day dawns you will have elected a new Commander; let this my last appeal to you be to remember at what great cost this Flag without a stain, has been preserved to us; visit the schools—in simple words tell the story of your war record and the glorious record of your Comrades in the Civil War; your presence will bring a real patriotic spirit into the lives of our young people, who must soon take up the work we lay down.

Fear not for the FLAG of FREEDOM  
While the homes and the hearts are true,  
And the lengthening line of the children,  
Cheers the shortening line of the BLUE.

Fully appreciative of the great honor conferred on me at our 63rd Annual Encampment, in closing my last General Orders my only regret is that failing health prevented my accepting the many invitations to mingle with our Allied Orders, as my heart dictated. To our Secretary who has represented me on these occasions and conducted the work of the Department at Headquarters, my heart is filled with thankfulness. God give her strength to go with us to the end.

To Quartermaster General Owen and every member of my staff and Comrades, my thanks are freely given. For my successor, I ask the same loyalty that has been mine. To the families and loved ones of our Comrades who have left us during the year, in their hour of sadness my heartfelt sympathy has been with you.

“God of our sires, within whose hand  
The Nations rest, like grains of sand,  
Bless Thou our great and glorious land  
Baptized in blood, at GETTYSBURG.

Official:

Eugene Owen

Asst. Adjt. and Quartermaster General

By command of

JOHN M. PARK,

Department Commander.



**MEMORIAM.**

Again the shadow of DEATH falls across our pathway, hiding for awhile the faces of these loved Comrades.

*James A. Hamilton*, Quartermaster General and Commander of Post No. 42, Lansing, died December 23, 1941, aged 94 years. At the age of 17 he enlisted in Co. G. Twelfth Michigan Infantry and served 'till close of the war.

Following the death of our honored Department Commander A. C. Estabrook who was serving the National as Quartermaster General, Comrade Hamilton received this appointment and at the 75th National Encampment was re-appointed by Commander in Chief George A. Gay, serving 'till his death, faithful to the end.

Though ill, Comrade Hamilton headed the MEMORIAL DAY parade and attended church service with Allied Orders but was able to attend only one session of Department Encampment. His last public appearance was in September as guest of Governor Van Wagoner at the ceremonies incident to the return of the captured Confederate Flags, to Southern states.

We who loved him felt the shadows closing about him and knew he soon would be welcomed to that land where wars never rage and peace reigns, forever.

Comrade Hamilton held a unique place in the civic life of Lansing filling various positions with distinction. The services held in his honor saw an outpouring of citizens seeking to pay tribute to one whose honorable life closed an "era in the history of Lansing"—the last Civil War Veteran.

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*A. F. Chappell*, Past Department Commander and Commander of Post No. 17, Detroit, enlisted in the 6th Ohio Cavalry at the age of 15 and fought in 32 battles and major skirmishes; three times his horse was shot from under him and though wounded at Gettysburg, miraculously escaped death.

Following the close of war Comrade Chappell came to Michigan where for more than a quarter century he has been identified with the patriotic life of Detroit, serving as Honorary President of the Joint Memorial Association, President of the Trustees of the G. A. R. Building and Commander of the largest Post in Michigan for years.

In 1939 he was elected Department Commander, filling the office with distinction. He delighted in visiting his Comrades throughout the state. A brave soldier, a generous and warm hearted friend, his passing is a loss to the Department of Michigan that can never be filled.

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*David Plumadore*, Company D. 18th. Michigan Infantry.

Comrade Plumadore had served the Department in many offices and was one of our best known Comrades at Encampments. After a year of suffering, at the age of 93, he joined his Comrades on that other shore.

An honorary member of Post No. 1494 V. F. W., he was accorded full military honors at the service conducted by twenty members of that Post as he was laid to rest, 'till the Great Awakening Day.

*Lemuel Tingley*, Commander of Post No. 211 of Ionia enlisted in Buffalo and served three years and four months with the Army in Virginia, a record of which he was justly proud.

The same spirit of service that caused him to enlist in his early manhood followed him through life; he was devoted to the Grand Army of the Republic. His passing records the closing of Post 211.

*Comrade Ira Mason*, sponsored by the Daughters of Union Veterans Tent No. 9, Pontiac, as Comrade at Large was the last Civil War veteran in the county; Died Oct. 1, 1941.

*Comrade Joseph H. Pangburn*—died Aug. 15, 1941. He enlisted in Co. B. 47th Ohio Inft., June 15, 1861, serving 'till close of war. For many years a member of Adrian Post No. 45.

Oh God, forbid that we should count for naught  
Those wounds to flesh and soul, of these, who fought.

The following numbers show the gain and loss of Posts and members in the Department of Michigan after it was re-organized—year by year from January, 1879, to June, 1942:

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

Year	Posts	Members	Year	Posts	Members
1931	97	656	1937	45	120
1932	89	550	1938	35	78
1933	81	418	1939	31	59
1934	78	314	1940	26	50
1935	68	244	1941	21	35
1936	66	198	1942	16	47

## 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

Year	Entertaining City	Presiding Commander
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
1939	Jackson	A. C. Estabrook
1940	Ann Arbor	A. F. Chappell
1941	Lansing	M. J. Warner
1942	Grand Rapids	Sr. Vice Orlando Le Valley

### THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Seventy-six years ago April 6, 1866, thirteen men, only a picket post of the nearly three million, who had worn the Blue of the Union soldier, met in Decatur, Ill., at the call of Dr. B. F. Stephenson, a surgeon of the 14th Ill. Infantry and organized the first Post of the Grand Army.

The name derived from Napoleon's "Grand Army of France".

Only on the presentation of a bit of parchment—tattered and torn as it may have been, has the door ever opened for membership. The honorable discharge of a Union soldier, sailor or marine is the magic key. The Grand Army is unique among organizations. It had no predecessors; it can have no successors.

Men enlisted in the Civil War	2,859,122
Killed in Battle	67,058
Deaths from all Causes	359,528

There were over 2,500 battles fought in 1400 days.

### WHY THEY CALL US "BOYS"

Under 11 years and over 10	25
Under 12 years and over 11	28
Under 13 years and over 12	224
Under 14 years and over 13	302
Under 15 years and over 14	1,523
Under 16 years and over 15	104,998
Under 17 years and over 16	231,051
Under 18 years and over 17	844,891
Under 19 years and over 18	1,151,438
Over 19 years	524,641
Average age 18 years. Of the half million meeting death, 85 per cent were under 21 years of age.	
Enlistments in Michigan without reference to periods of service	90,048



The peak of membership in Michigan Grand Army of the Republic was reached in 1889 with 21,418 on the rolls.

In 1890 the membership on National rolls stood at ..... 458,230

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 become the first Commander. He was followed by William A Throop—William Humphreys.

In March of 1878 the Department of Michigan barely existed. Only two of the four Posts showed any sign of life.

January 22nd, 1879, the Department was re-organized, reached a membership of 21,418 during the next ten years. Today the Michigan Department holds third place in membership on the roll of the National Organization.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

Comrade, John M. Park, Department Commander: It is my privilege to present a partial account of my work as Department Secretary for the year.

Following the 63rd Encampment I returned to Headquarters to close all outstanding business and open the new year. Prepare and issue General Orders No. 1, the request for the appropriation, and begin compiling the 1941 Journal. Despite the extreme heat I kept Headquarters open the entire summer. Every day found callers and newspaper reporters from this and other states, seeking information regarding the Southern Flags captured by Michigan men of 61-65 the return to Southern states having been sponsored by the Governor and Legislature. It was found these Flags were not the property of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic; many Comrades wrote expressing approval of the plan as emphasizing the UNITY of our Country—a Nation UNDIVIDED, with one FLAG.

July; a trip to Detroit to visit Comrade Chappelle reported ill, and Comrade Dibble who fell, breaking his wrist. Visit Commander Park in Coopersville and remain over night in Grand Rapids to confer with our Asst. Adjt., Comrade Owen. Prepare articles for magazine and paper issues—"Grand Army and Its Special Interests." Make 12 calls on Comrades.

September 11th, close Headquarters and with Comrade Chappelle leave Detroit for the National Encampment in Columbus, Ohio. Quartermaster General Hamilton and Department Commander Park too ill to attend. Comrades Owen, Warner, Le Valley and Chappelle enjoy every session and all social affairs, and I the happiness of looking after them.

Michigan was honored in the re-appointment of Comrade Hamilton as Quartermaster General and I retained as Secretary; I continue the work and bookkeeping for the National from Headquarters. I returned



from Columbus just in time to greet Comrades Howland, Killeen, Hamilton and Carlton who were guests of Governor Van Wagoner, and witness the return of the captured Southern Flags, in this most unusual ceremony, on the steps of the Capitol.

The week following, Department Jr. Vice Commander Perrigo made his annual visit to hold the memory meeting of First Michigan Sharpshooters; luncheon with the Secretary, Miss Saxton, daughter of his comrade. Comrade Perrigo is the only surviving member of the First Michigan Sharpshooters.

Represent the Department Commander at the reception tendered National Patriotic Instructor, Theo Penland of Oregon, by the Ladies of the G. A. R. in Detroit. Issue the Department Journal; call on Comrade McGonigal in Leslie and the Mayor in Owosso.

In October, guest of District No. 1 in Detroit giving paper "The Grand Army of Today," which brought about the realization of my ambition to enroll every comrade now living in Michigan as a Comrade at Large. I have made every effort with voice and pen ably assisted by the Sons and Auxiliary, and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War who have sponsored the membership of any Comrade whose consent to re-instatement I secure. Today Michigan Department has 27 Comrades at Large on the rolls: Two in the state have not responded. Issue National General Orders. Attend banquet of Camp No. 8 and Auxiliary in Detroit; reception for Department officers, the Robert Finch Camp host, in Grand Rapids, continue on to Coopersville to visit Department Commander; issue General Orders No. 2.

November, three Red Cross meetings; banquet and inspection Auxiliary No. 4; present Flag to new Camp No. 7; have part in Armistice Day observance; visit Comrade now very ill, almost daily. Preside at Preliminary meeting in Owosso; a second meeting in Owosso and trips to three cities regarding Encampment. December, greetings to every Comrade and exchange with many Departments. Several pre-Christmas invitations accepted as our Commander cannot leave his home. Close Headquarters on the 21st, anticipating Christmas day. Again sadness enshrouds us in the passing of Quartermaster General Hamilton on the 23rd. Return to Lansing to spend Christmas Day at the funeral home where hundreds call to pay their tribute of respect to one they called FRIEND. The year has gone out with this tragic climax, yet bravely we must face the NEW Year.

January, four installations; a trip to Coopersville with Comrade Owen and on his 93rd birthday an all day "at home" in Grand Rapids and in the evening his installation as Quartermaster General by Department Commander, Urien M. Mackey, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Miss Giradot, the gracious hostess to the many Women's Relief Corps, Sons and Auxiliary, the Daughters of Union Veterans and the many friends who call to greet and congratulate him. Again sadness is ours in the passing on the 23rd, of Past Department Commander Chappelle. I return to Detroit to have a part with Tent No. 3 in giving the burial service. Have visited the Soldiers Home, twice.

February. Accompany Quartermaster General Owen to Indianapolis. A meeting of National officers.

Attend Sons Regional in Jackson; decision made to hold Encampment in Grand Rapids; call and preside at meeting in Pantlind Hotel; two later meetings complete arrangements.

Formulate and issue General Orders Nos. 3 and 4. Issue National order.

The closing quarter of our year is filled; the callers to Headquarters during Wolverine Boy State numbered 106 showing keen interest in the Grand Army. Prepare reports for encampment; close books for the audit. Represent our Commander at W. R. C. No. 32 Anniversary and Daughters District meeting. Memorial Day in Almont.

June 1st, leave for Grand Rapids to receive the Commander in Chief George A. Gay and Mrs. Gay and open Headquarters in Pantlind Hotel.

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National Journals .....	43
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Receipts and report blanks .....	92
Civil War records typed .....	145
Official letters .....	506
<b>Total pieces .....</b>	<b>2,201</b>
<b>Postage .....</b>	<b>\$54.47</b>

I have made 33 calls on Comrades. This year of service has been a joy, though saddened by the passing of Comrades dear to me through many years of close association. Always their message to me has been "Carry On."

To you, our brave Grand Army  
 Who so proudly wore the BLUE,  
 Who in days of storm and battle  
 To the right, were ever true,  
 To God, to You and Country  
 My solemn pledge, I now renew.

Loyally yours,

LEAH M. SIMPSON,  
 Department Secretary.

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## C

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## D

Detroit ..... Fairbanks Post No. 17  
 Detroit ..... Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433

## G

Grand Rapids Soldiers' Home ..... John A. Logan Post No. 1  
 Grand Rapids ..... Custer Post No. 5

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## J

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**"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."**