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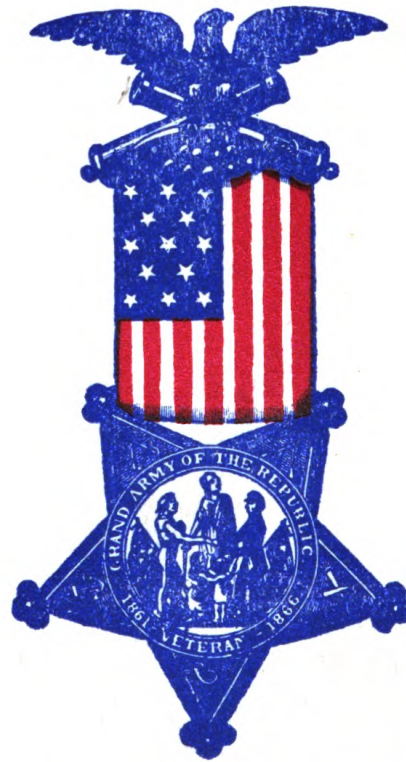
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**SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT**  
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

**GRAND ARMY**  
of the **REPUBLIC**

HELD AT

**LANSING, JUNE 18, 19, 1943**

WITH ADDRESS

OF

ORLANDO LEVALLEY, *Department Commander*  
AND REPORTS OF OTHER DEPARTMENT OFFICERS,  
GENERAL ORDERS, ETC.

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

*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, 1943.

Hon. Harry F. Kelly, Governor of the State of Michigan:

Sir: I have the honor to transmit to you the Journal of the Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Department of Michigan, Grand Army of the Republic, held in Lansing, June 18-19, 1943, as required by the statutes.

ORLANDO LE VALLEY,  
Department Commander.



HARRY F. KELLY  
Governor

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

Department Commander, Orlando Le Valley, Caro  
Senior Vice Commander, Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar  
Junior Vice Commander, Martin A. Loop, Adrian  
Chaplain, Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids  
Judge Advocate, John Killeen, Portland  
A. A. & Q. M. General, Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids

**COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION**

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Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids  
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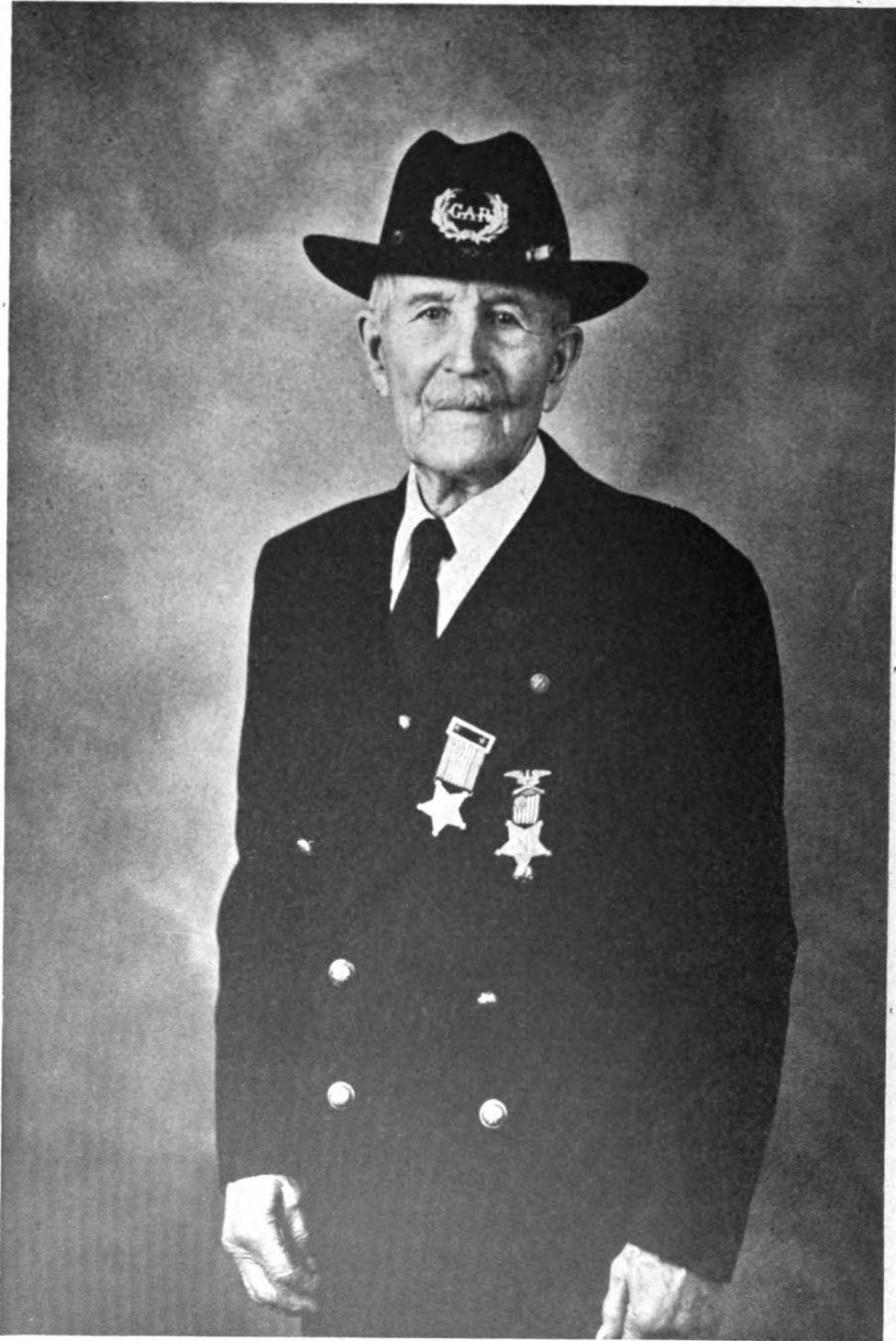
**DELEGATE AT LARGE TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT**

W. H. Ferguson

Alternate—Charles P. Hurd

**OFFICIAL STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Patriotic Instructor, Nelson R. Wood, South Haven  
Chief of Staff, George W. Wilt, Blissfield  
Senior Aide, Ralph Towner, Allegan  
Sergeant National Colors, James F. Lyon, Menominee  
Sergeant Department Colors, Wesley J. West, Colon  
Department Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, Box 433, Lansing, 2 Michigan.



ORLANDO LeVALLEY  
Department Commander 1942 - 1943





EUGENE OWEN  
Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster General 1942 - 1943

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Russell A. Alger, deceased	Detroit, 1867
Wm. A. Throop, deceased	Detroit, 1868
Wm. Humphrey, deceased	Adrian, 1870
C. V. R. Pond, deceased	Lansing, 1878-9
A. T. McReynolds, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1880
Byron R. Pierce, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1881-2
Oscar A. Janes, deceased	Detroit, 1883
Rush J. Shank, deceased	Lansing, 1884
Charles D. Long, deceased	Flint, 1885
John Northwood, deceased	New Lothrop, 1886
L. G. Rutherford, deceased	Hart, 1887
Washington Gardner, deceased	Albion, 1888
Michael Brown, deceased	Big Rapids, 1889
Henry M. Duffield, deceased	Detroit, 1890
Charles L. Eaton, deceased	Paw Paw, 1891
Henry S. Dean, deceased	Ann Arbor, 1892-3
James H. Kidd, deceased	Ionia, 1893-4
Louis Kanitz, deceased	Muskegon, 1894-5
S. B. Daboll, deceased	St. Johns, 1895-6
Wm. Shakespeare, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1896-7
Aaron T. Bliss, deceased	Saginaw, 1897-8
Alex L. Patrick, deceased	Detroit, 1898-9
Russell R. Pealer, deceased	Three Rivers, 1899-1900
Ethan M. Allen, deceased	Portland, 1900-1
James VanKleek, deceased	Bay City, 1901-2
Edward C. Anthony, deceased	Negaunee, 1902-3
D. B. K. Vanraalte, deceased	Holland, 1903-4
George H. Hopkins, deceased	Detroit, 1904-5
E. C. Cannon, deceased	Evart, 1905-6
Joseph B. Griswold, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1906-7
William Jibb, deceased	Adrian, 1907-8
Charles Foote, deceased, died in office	Kalamazoo, 1908-9
Geo. L. Holmes, deceased, to fill vacancy	Detroit, 1909
James M. Greenfield, deceased	Flushing, 1909-10
Samuel J. Lawrence, deceased	Detroit, 1910-11
Geo. W. Stone, deceased	Lansing, 1911-12
John T. Spillane, deceased	Detroit, 1912-13
Frank R. Chase, deceased	Smyrna, 1913-14
Riley L. Jones, deceased	Detroit, 1914-15
Henry Rankin, deceased, died in office	Ypsilanti, 1915-16
Eli Strong, to fill vacancy, deceased	Kalamazoo, 1915-16
Lucius H. Ives, deceased	Mason, 1916-17
William O. Lee, deceased	Port Huron, 1917-18
David S. Howard, deceased	Pontiac, 1918-19
Edwin F. Lamb, deceased	Detroit, 1919-20
Henry Spaulding, deceased	Lansing, 1920-21
J. J. Holmes, deceased	Eaton Rapids, 1921-22
William Mears, deceased	Manton, 1922-23
Lyman A. L. Gilbert, deceased	Highland Park, 1923-24
Marvin C. Barney, deceased	Flint, 1924-25
John Steel, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1925-26
James R. Stephenson, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1926-27
Charles A. Bartlett, deceased	Detroit, 1927-28
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1928-29
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1929-30
A. C. Estabrook	Allegan, 1930-31
Orestus Blake, deceased	Jackson, 1931-32
Orestus Blake, deceased	Jackson, 1932-33
Charles M. Cook, (died in office)	Kalamazoo, 1933-34
John Killeen	Jackson, 1933-34

Frank D. Keeler, deceased	Saginaw, 1934-35
Ira M. Stewart, deceased	Petoskey, 1935-36
Ira M. Stewart, deceased	Petoskey, 1936-37
S. H. Carlton	Kalamazoo, 1937-38
A. C. Estabrook, deceased	Grand Rapids, 1938-39
A. F. Chappell, deceased	Detroit, 1939-40
Martin J. Warner (advanced)	Grand Rapids, 1940-41
John M. Park, (Orlando Le Valley presiding)	Coopersville, 1941-42
Orlando Le Valley	Caro, 1942-43

## PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Bigelow, deceased	Montague, 1878-9
No record for 1880 or 1881	
G. R. Wright, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1882-3
M. A. Merrifield, deceased	Union City, 1884
George L. Fisher, deceased	Fowlerville, 1885
S. A. Hosmer, deceased	1886
W. W. Cook, deceased	Lansing, 1887
True Hart, deceased	Midland 1888
William H. Russell, deceased	Clio, 1889
E. L. Negus, deceased	Chelsea, 1890
C. L. Brundage, deceased	Muskegon, 1891
James A. Crozier, deceased	Menominee, 1892
L. M. Ward, deceased	Benton Harbor, 1893
Herman C. Frieseke, deceased	Owosso, 1894
Norm G. Cooper, deceased	Sturgis, 1895
Lucian W. Lyon, deceased	Saginaw, 1896
L. W. Sprague, deceased	Greenville, 1897
Moses F. Carlton	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, deceased	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
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1942-43

## 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, 1925-26
Wm. Barrett, deceased	Bay City, 1928-29
James Churchill, deceased	Pontiac, 1929-30
A. F. Chappell, deceased	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, deceased	Milford, 1936-37
Eugene Owen	Grand Rapids, 1937-38
William Parker, deceased	Lake Odessa, 1938-39
Ira M. Stewart, deceased	Petoskey, 1939-40
Orlando LeValley	Caro, 1940-41
Cyrus Perrigo	Vassar, 1941-42
M. A. Loop	Adrian, 1942-43



## ROSTER

### DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC JANUARY 1, 1943

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

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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 SO. 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.

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**WHITESIDE POST NO. 143, CARO.**  
Chartered May 25, 1883. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—Orlando Le Valley.

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**STEELE BROS. POST NO. 441, MASON.**  
Chartered December 31, 1897. Membership 1.  
Post Commander—Holden Albro.

## Comrades at Large:

## Sponsors

Louis Bourbino .....	Clara Sailor
George Culver .....	Bessie Nimmerfall Aux. No. 8
Alonzo Dibble .....	Tent No. 16
Phillip Dohm .....	Tent No. 14
William Dubay .....	Mary Wood Tent No. 13
Corydon Foote .....	Tent No. 20
George Heusted .....	Past Presidents Tent No. 14
Martin A. Loop .....	Tent No. 13
James F. Lyon .....	Blanche Griffith Aux. No. 8
Oscar Mott .....	Tent No. 34
George Morgan .....	Camp No. 8
Nelson Porritt .....	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

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



PROCEEDINGS  
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The Sixty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department Grand Army of the Republic, convened in Suite 801 Hotel Olds, Saturday, June 18, 1943.

Department Commander Orlando Le Valley, presiding.

Commander Le Valley: Comrades you will please come to order. It is now nine o'clock and we plan to finish all business before luncheon. While only four of us meet today I trust we have a fine Encampment; we miss several who were with us last year; our faithful Assistant Adjutant Owen has been ill several days and not allowed to make the trip. A message this morning says he is slightly improved. Comrade Killeen reminds us he is with us in thought but too weak to leave his home. We deeply regret our Commander in Chief, John Dumser, because of the distance from California, could not be with us.

The Chaplain will lead us in prayer.

Department Chaplain, Warner: I think we should use the Grand Army prayer and I ask our Secretary to help me in reading it.

## PRAYER.

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.

Comrade Ferguson; That's a grand prayer.

Department Commander LeValley: All greetings and gifts were exchanged at the banquet last night; we will be undisturbed in this session and will not need the appointment of Guard and Officer of the Day.

Roll call by the Secretary disclosed the loss by death of three Staff officers—Past Dept. Commander, John M. Park, Nelson R. Wood and Wesley J. West. Our Sr. Vice Commander Cyrus Perrigo not equal to the journey and the Jr. Vice Commander has not returned from California where he went soon after his one hundredth birthday in January.

Recorded: Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander: Martin J. Warner, Dept. Chaplain; William H. Ferguson and Ralph Towner.

Commander Le Valley: I will ask Comrade Warner to take the chair while the Secretary reads my report.

## ADDRESS OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS.

Comrades:

The severe illness of Commander John M. Park made it necessary for me to preside at the 64th Annual Encampment held in Grand Rapids. The Commander in Chief, George A. Gay and Mrs. Gay were our guests the entire week before leaving for other official visits in the West, other National guests were the National Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, National President of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans and National representative of the Ladies of the G.A.R. making the Encampment an outstanding one.

At this Encampment you placed in my hands the command of the Michigan Department: I can truthfully say I have done all my strength allowed to keep faith with my predecessors whose efforts have caused the Grand Army to be known and respected in our State, but without the service of our Secretary Simpson I could have done little.

Returning to my home after the busy days of Encampment duties I was the recipient of many courtesies, greetings and good wishes from many Departments for all of these I am grateful.

The summer months tho warm passed pleasantly; gas was not so closely rationed permitting me to make several visits to our Comrades in Tuscola County—George Heusted, our youngest veteran, and Cyrus Per-rigo, only surviving member of the famous First Michigan Sharpshooters.

In August fourteen members of the Grand Rapids Circle, Ladies of the G.A.R. surprised me with a Pot Luck picnic on the lawn, this was much enjoyed.

September 11, accompanied by my daughter found me enroute to Indianapolis to attend the event of the year—the National Encampment. A long tiring trip with several changes. I attended every session and all social affairs thru the week. If every Comrade realized the pleasure of again mingling with Comrades from other states I am sure you would be repaid for the extra effort made to attend our National Encampments. I rode in the parade with Comrades Owen, Warner and Ferguson.

Comrade Owen was again appointed Quartermaster General, and Miss Simpson retained as his Secretary to continue the keeping of the National books and have charge of all supplies. We greatly appreciate this honor bestowed on Michigan Department.

Comrades, you know the call made by President Roosevelt for old canon and statues to be dismantled and turned to Salvage Committees; after much hesitancy I released the two brass canon which had been given Whiteside Post No. 143 in 1917, coming from the government arsenal at Watervilet, N. Y. For twenty-five years we had treasured these relics of the Civil War and had hoped these relics dear to the men of 61-65 would not be needed and would be left to inspire the youth of this and future generations, but the need seemed great and I released them to again be in the service of our Country. I was honor guest at the ceremony on Armistice Day when representatives of the Government accepted them.

The unusually severe winter and depth of snow banks made it impossible for me to accept any invitations from our Allied Orders, but always my heart has been with you in your great work. I delegated Miss Simpson, to represent the Department at all social affairs; these have been many as our Allied Orders and patriotic societies never fail to remember our Department. Miss Simpson never failed me, whatever the weather, with no complaint adding these trips to Headquarters duties. The success of Michigan Department is safe in her hands.

I regret I could not attend the most unusual party in Adrain when Martin A. Loop celebrated his one hundredth birthday January 14. Miss Simpson reported all Adrian tried to pay him honor.

On the 19th our greetings were carried to Grand Rapids, Secretary attending the banquet sponsored by the Eva Grey Tent of Daughters honoring Quartermaster General Owen on his 94th birthday. You will remember the blizzard of the year on that day made travel a hardship but some way our Secretary managed to carry out my wishes, tho busses and trains, hours late.

## VISITATIONS

I have made five visits to Comrades. In May came the invitation from Vassar Corps to be their guest with Comrades Perrigo and Heusted at dinner and regular meeting; This I was delighted to attend as our Secretary was to be present. It was a great day; I speak for Comrade Heusted their Pot Luck dinner was a banquet. We regret Comrade Perrigo could not attend.

Secretary Simpson accompanied me home to review the work of the year and prepare this report.

Memorial Day in Caro was under direction of the American Legion; The address by Rev. E. Ray Williams was attended by all patriotic societies. At 2 P.M. the parade formed and marched to cemetery where graves of all soldiers were decorated by Boy and Girl Scouts. That the day saw an outpouring of the citizens is attested by the representatives from the Legion and Auxiliary of World War I, the Army and Navy, and Boy and Girl Scouts. I shall long remember the day.

## MEMBERSHIP

Death has entered our thinning ranks many times the past year, calling three from my staff officers, Past Department Commander Park, Patriotic Instructor Nelson J. Wood and Color Sergeant Wesley J. West: the loss of 12 members saw the disbanding of 5 Posts. No new members can be mustered in the Grand Army of the Republic. We must now urge our Sons and Daughters and Allied Orders to carry on the patriotic work so needed in our Country, in harmony with the organizations all doing a splendid work. "In Union there is Strength."

Every effort is being made to collect the Charters and relics of Posts long since disbanded. Any comrade knowing where such property may be is requested to notify the Secretary—Box 433, Lansing 2 Michigan that these now priceless records of the Michigan Department may be secured. I suggest Secretary Simpson be instructed to carry on this work and allowed any expense in this connection.

I offer the following recommendations for your approval:

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

Comrades, we are personally unable to work for the bills now before Congress but our interest is none the less keen.

No. 1—

That this Encampment record its approval of H. Bill No. 505 granting a pension of fifty dollars a month to all widows of Civil War veterans upon attaining the age of 65 years.

No. 2—

That we record our approval of Senate Bill 157 to acquire the Temple Heights property in Washington D. C. to be used after the present war,

for the erection of a Memorial Building "to the DEFENDERS of the UNION during the Civil War."

No. 3—

That we express our approval of legislation that the 30th of May be made Memorial Day in every state in the Union.

The Secretary to inform our Senators and Representatives of the action taken.

No. 4—

That we continue support of the war efforts of our government and this Encampment allow a sum not to exceed twenty-five dollars for some remembrance for Michigan soldiers returned to Percy Jones Hospital. Discretionary power given our Secretary.

No. 5—

That the final decision as to 1944 Encampment be left with Council of Administration and Secretary; Department Commander to issue the call for Preliminary Meeting early in the new year.

No. 6—

That this Encampment record the decision to carry on as a Department so long as one Comrade survives.

I take this opportunity to congratulate Comrade Ira Stormes of Utah who has served his Department seven years as Commander and for the past three years the only Grand Army Man in Utah, held his Annual Encampment, appointed himself Department Commander and pledged the Allied Orders to go on the coming year as he had done in the past. He with his Secretary Mrs. Schnell who has served the Department twelve years are familiar faces at our National Encampments.

Comrades as I say "good bye" as your Commander while no actual work has been mine, the honor of serving even in a small way is deeply appreciated and I treasure the memory of a happy year, I only wish I could have done more to advance our honored Order.

The many good wishes, letters and greetings will not be forgotten. Our Asst. Adjt. Owen and our Secretary have my sincere thanks for their loyal support; as I pass the honor of Commander to another I know the same true comradeship of every member and loyalty to the Grand Army of the Republic will be given as has been mine.

There are Comrades we meet as we journey along,  
We meet them today—they drift from sight:  
There are other Comrades, staunch and true,  
Whom we leave with a sigh, as we say good bye  
And such My Comrades,—are YOU.

In F. C. and L.  
ORLANDO LE VALLEY,  
Department Commander.

Chaplain Warner: What will you do with this report.

Comrade Ferguson: I move this splendid report be accepted and printed in the Journal, our Commander commended for his devotion to our interests and our Secretary accept our thanks for preparing such a complete record of the year. Seconded and carried.

Secretary Simpson: Some action should be taken on the Recommendations offered.

Comrade Ferguson: We discussed them so thoroughly in Council meeting, I offer the motion, that we approve of all offered and instruct the Secretary to carry out as recommended. Motion carried.

Department Commander thanks Chaplain Warner and resumes the chair.

Comrades, if you move up closer I am sure you can hear the secretary read the next report.

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

To Orlando Le Valley, Department Commander:

I have the honor to again report the membership and financial standing of the Department of Michigan for the year ending June 1, 1943.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Number of Posts June 1, 1942	14
Number of Members June 1, 1942	43
Number of Posts June 1, 1943	8
Number of members June 1, 1943	25

Showing a loss by DEATH of eighteen members and six Posts DISBANDED. We can report no GAIN in membership as it is believed every veteran now living in Michigan is a member of the Department. Our Secretary by personal visits and correspondence has succeeded in enrolling as Comrade at Large, every veteran whose name appeared on the Pension roll.

We take pride in the work of our Secretary as it places Michigan with 39 members on Dec. 31 report, the second largest Department in the National organization. The winter was trying for our comrades and during the spring months many of our Boys slipped away.

By order of the Encampment we purchased one Defense Bond. In the final pay off of the Capitol National Bank we suffered the loss of 71.69. While these items are not large they materially increased our disbursements for the year.

Cash on hand 64th Encampment June 1942 .....	\$612.40
From Womans Relief Corps No. 1, South Haven ..	1.00
Interest and supplies sold .....	33.14
Dept. Commander Le Valley, sale Post 143, canon ..	171.85
For National Per Capita Tax .....	37.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$855.39</b>
Warrants drawn as per bills on file, including Per Capita Tax to Natl. and one Defense Bond carried as Cash .....	\$615.95
Cash Balance June 1, .....	\$239.44

As I review the year I realize it has been a busy one and a great thankfulness is mine that I have been able to represent the Department on so many occasions. Of the 48 invitations received I have accepted and enjoyed 24. I attended every session of National Encampment in Indianapolis, the banquets honoring the Commander in Chief, the Memorial, Camp Fire, reception given by Gov. and Mrs. Stricker in the Capitol and rode in the parade.

My 94th birthday was the occasion of a banquet sponsored by Eva Gray Tent of Daughters, attended by the City Commissioners, Dept. Jr. Vice Commander Lindsey of Sons of Union Veterans and happily surprised by the arrival of our Department Secretary Simpson, with greetings from our Commander.

In March with Chaplain Warner and Miss Simpson the sad duty was ours to journey to Coopersville to attend the funeral service and give part of the Grand Army service for Past Commander John M. Park.

Two faces are missed at Soldiers Home; Comrades James F. Ives and Chas. P. Hurd, friends of many years. I assisted in these services held in the Chapel of the Home and burial in the Home Cemetery.

On Memorial Sunday I had dinner with comrades at the Home and attended the services in the Cemetery as carried out by Col. Baker, Commandant and officers; Memorial Day rode in the parade; visited Oakhill Cemetery where members of Custer Post are buried and to the ceremony of strewing flowers on the water, at Deans Bridge.

I wish to express my thanks for the appointment as Asst. Adjt. and Q.M. General; to serve the Department of Michigan is an honor which I appreciate; Our Secretary by visits and countless letters has kept me in touch with our work at all times.

For the many hours I have spent with our Allied Orders I am truly grateful; my heartfelt thanks go to our competent Secretary for her untiring devotion to the many duties and much labor, we owe our sincere gratitude; without her it would not be possible for us to function in the orderly and satisfactory manner that has been ours, the past five years.

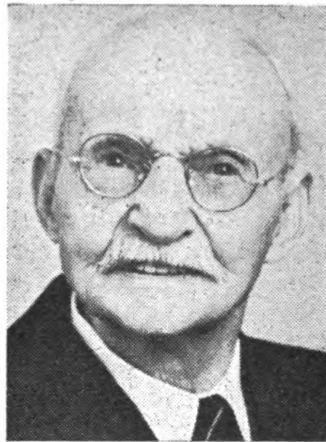
Sincerely in F.C. and L.,  
**ENGENE OWEN,**  
 Asst. Adjt. & QM. General.

Miss Simpson; I have here the items of every disbursement as they appear on the Vouchers and are entered in the Ledger with total each month which is approved by Quartermaster General and submitted to the Auditor, also the Bank book showing balance correct.

Comrade Warner: That's a fine report but it is too bad we had to lose so much in the bank pay off but others did too. Comrade Towner asks about the Per Capita Tax and if that is expected to run the Department; Secretary explains that Comrades can pay the one dollar if they wish but all Comrades at Large are sponsored by some group in our Allied Orders—Corps, Tent, Sons or Auxiliary that each may have some one Comrade as their "adopted one" and that none of the Per Capita Tax remains with the Department; this is strictly a fund sent in to National for the number we claim on Dec. report any deficit being paid by Department.

Comrade Towner; I move the report be accepted and filed. Seconded and carried.

Department Commander: The Secretary will read the Chaplain's report.



MARTIN J. WARNER  
Chaplain

Department Commander: As we read the reports coming into Headquarters we realize that age and failing health prevents marching and doing the work in the cemeteries, it does not bring forgetfulness of the true meaning of Memorial Sunday and Memorial Day. All over our state Comrades have had some part in honoring the memories of soldiers of all wars.

The Secretaries of the Posts are faithful in reporting these activities; clippings from Adrian papers with pictures of Comrades Baker Cole and Chas. Riker tell of services in church, at boulders and monument and fitting tribute paid the new Honor Roll for present service men of Lenawee county. We are thankful to Secretary Beavor for both pictures and reports.



Nine Posts own their Burial Plot. Only one unmarked grave reported and this too late to receive the headstone tho Secretary forwarded the application.

Many thousands school pupils assist in the programs and decorating graves. 19 Comrades reported as attending services.

Comrade George Morgan headed the Detroit parade and placed the wreath on Soldiers Monument in front of City Hall where the parade halts for this ceremony; more than 7000 graves decorated in the Detroit area and 950 potted geraniums carried to Shut Ins of all wars.

Comrade Carlton writes: "on Memorial Sunday took part in two services; marched a part of the way to Riverside Cemetery; at Memorial Bridge service was held for the Sailor dead.

Comrade Holt, now in La Cruces, Mexico, writes he thinks of us; is well; we anticipate his letter telling how Memorial Day may be observed in Mexico.

Comrade Wilt, tho 99 years his next birthday did not fail to return his report. Always a leader in the past must be content to observe the day at home this year.

Comrade Killeen no longer able to walk about still plans to be with the W.R.C. and patriotic orders in some observance of the sacred day.

The State observance as planned by the Commandant of the Soldiers Home is a credit to Michigan. Sunday with Comrades Owen and Porritt. I enjoy the dinner, attend services in the Cemetery where a large wreath is placed on the Monument. Memorial Day, ride in the parade, visit Oak-hill Cemetery and strew flowers on the water at Deans Bridge.

I attended the burial services for Comrades Ives and Hurd at the Home and with Comrade Owen and Secretary went to Coopersville to pay my last respects to Past Commander Park. Each time a part of the Grand Army service was given.

Our Secretary has visited me four times and together we would visit Comrade Hurd in the long days of his illness. Her visits with record of the Dept. work always gave me the satisfaction of knowing that while I can no longer be active I still have a part in the Department. I appreciate this and know Michigan's record will never fade while Miss Simpson can serve us. It seems little to say "thank you" for the many happy days that have been mine the past year. To Comrade Owen and Miss Girodat and Col. Walter Baker our Commandant I owe many pleasant motor trips, and to many members of the Allied Orders and our Secretary and our Department Commander my simple Thank you is sincere. Your kindness has made life, brighter.

In F. C. and L.

MARTIN J. WARNER,  
Department Chaplain.

Commander Le Valley: Nelson R. Wood, the best Patriotic Instructor we have had in late years, passed on last March; honoring him no other was appointed to his office as his Secretary Mrs. Stella Braddon had made many reports during the year of his attendance at patriotic affairs and observance of Memorial services. Carrying out his expressed wish the ritual of the Grand Army was given at his burial service, assisting were Sons of Veterans, Womans Relief Corps, Corporal Slentz State Troop Co. B, and the firing squad. Memorial Sunday special services were held in Church and Cemetery. Comrade Wood was sadly missed. His passing closed Zach Chandler Post No. 35, South Haven.

Comrade Towner: I don't hear all of this but would like to know how you get all of these reports.

Department Commander Le Valley: I will have to ask Miss Simpson that.

Miss Simpson: With the exception of two, Custer No. 5, Grand Rapids and Woodbury No. 45 in Adrian, our Posts have but one member who is the Commander; no Patriotic Instructor can be appointed. The reports presented come to me at Headquarters in letters from Commander, Secretaries and many times members of our allied Orders thru the year. My files for the year show more than 200 from this, each bearing some detail of a Comrade's activity; from these I compile a report which covers the observance of Memorial week and our Anniversaries and fill our Dept. Chaplain's report with items of interest. You are interested in the doings of your Comrades—this is the only way I have of keeping in touch with every Comrade and passing it on to you. I have written countless letters to Comrades which have not been answered but to all who have responded I am profoundly grateful.

Commander Le Valley: Thank you. Any other reports?

All are ready; Some action may be taken that all appear in the Journal. Motion prevailed that all reports appear in Journal without further reading.

Miss Simpson: Department Commander, the alarm at the door brings us a happy surprise. I have the honor to present Mrs. Louise Haider, National President of the Woman's Relief Corps who comes to us from Glendale, California.

Department Commander: I agree with our Secretary; we are proud and happy to welcome you—it is a long way to your home and while only four are here to greet you we are glad you came to us.

Mrs. Haider: Commander and Comrades of my Father, while the road is long from California to Michigan, it is not too long for me to bring greetings to the Men of 61. My heart has been with you all the way. In all the long years past you have been the guide and inspiration of your only Auxiliary—the Woman's Relief Corps—and today tho Time is thinning your ranks, if such is possible, we love you more and more. We will always venerate your memory for preserving to us the freedom and happiness of our Country.

I bring the greetings of Commander in Chief Dumser who has returned from his eastern tour of Departments, is well and regrets Michigan De-

partment was not earlier that he could have visited you. Adjutant General, Russell C. Martin would be remembered to Michigan where he has been so royally entertained in years past. May we all meet in Milwaukee. With a warm hand clasp and kindly "May God keep you in his care" Mrs. Haider bids each Comrade good bye—"till we meet again."

Secretary Simpson: Department Commander, I present Mrs. Ann Gage a member of Lyman Gilbert Corps No. 59 of Detroit; I think she has enjoyed the greeting of our National President but has come with a gift from the Lyman Gilbert Corps., she represents.

Mrs. Gage: Department Commander, each year we have brought flowers in memory of Department Commander Gilbert for whom our Corps was named; this year we did not know the gifts would be presented at the banquet or our flowers would have been there. I am asking your Secretary to accept the contents of this envelope and use it for some pleasure for you Comrades. Commander Le Valley; We thank you and know our Secretary will do as you ask. We hope to be together at Milwaukee and she will see we are happy. Take our thanks to your Corps. Opening the envelope discloses three dollars.

Miss Simpson: Commander Le Valley, I think this a fine time to read the list of gifts to Department at the banquet, last night.

Department of Michigan Woman's Relief Corps, Nina Ketchum, President, \$100.00; Ladies of the G.A.R. Frances Dorsey, President, \$4.00; Daughters of Union Veterans, Claudia Climie, President, \$5.00; Auxiliary to Sons of Veterans, Esther Nyholm, President, \$5.00. The Secretary instructed to remember all with thanks, also for the personal gifts to Comrades.



**NINA B. KETCHUM**  
Department President  
Woman's Relief Corps



**ISOBEL THOMAS**  
Department Secretary  
Woman's Relief Corps

Orlando Le Valley,  
Department Commander,  
Grand Army of the Republic.

As the president of your Auxiliary I extend to you and your Comrades the Best Wishes of our Order, and trust you will have a Happy Convention. I know that your ranks are thinning, but your Auxiliary "The Woman's Relief Corps" will carry on the work you started, and will always keep your memories green. We wish you to know that with the passing of each Grand Army man, we renew the oath we take at our Altar, to assist the Grand Army of the Republic, their dependent ones, and veterans of all wars, and instill in the minds and hearts of our children, and citizens the love of our country for which you fought, and ever maintain the high standard of patriotism which you have through your years of service to our country, handed down to us. We pledge anew that the Grand Army of the Republic shall never die, but through our efforts live down through the ages, as the highest type of American Manhood.

I will now read you my report of our years work :

Number of Corps June 1st, 1942	106
Number of Corps June 1st, 1943	105
Number of members March 31, 1942	5,328
Number of members March 31, 1943	5,552
Cash expended for relief	\$365.07
Cash expended by Department for relief	41.90
Expended for flowers	1317.47
Value of relief other than money	.662.99
Child Welfare other than money	
Cash by Department to non-pensioners of widows of Grand Army	12.00
American Red Cross	25.00
Cash expended to National for Blood Plasma	2141.75
Cash expended for 2 Nurses Scholarships	200.00
Gift to the Michigan Dept. Grand Army of Republic	100.00
Purchased three \$100.00 bonds	300.00
Number of Veterans of G.A.R. assisted	40
Number of Veterans families assisted	86
Spanish War Veterans assisted	105
World War Veterans assisted	1,426
Number of others assisted not relatives	2,402
Total number assisted	4,059

And now Department Commander, our years work is nearly over, and one of my most pleasant memories will be having such a fine Comrade as my Commander. I thank you, and appreciate the many courtesies you have extended to me this year. May Almighty God keep you and Bless You.

Submitted in F. C. and L.

NINA B. KETCHUM,  
Department President,  
Woman's Relief Corps, Auxiliary of  
the Grand Army of The Republic.

Department Commander: We miss the Woman's Relief Corps but know how impossible it is for them to visit us as usual; they have done a wonderful work this year under the leadership of Mrs. Ketchum; we could not carry on without them.

Commander Le Valley: Have we anything else before election, we have to depend on you Miss Secretary. The list of Corps and Tents asking to hold Charters of disbanded Posts is read; the general idea of members and the Allied Orders being that a Post may give the Charter and property to any one they wished being entirely wrong, the law as set forth by National is presented. Each request was acted on separately.

Commander Le Valley: That is a good law, there must be many Charters lost but a record of all that can be secured is a good thing.

Comrade Warner: I move our Secretary notify all asking for our decision, and have charge of the work of securing other Charters. Carried.

Secretary Simpson: I have many telegrams and greetings, one of which needs some action be taken by this Encampment; reads the invitation from E. T. Moran Vice-President of the Wenonah Hotel in Bay City asking we hold the 1944 Encampment in Bay City. This is fully discussed because of the uncertainty of ANY conventions being allowed—for the duration. Comrade Warner speaks of other Encampments being so successful that were held in Bay City; Secretary asks if the Grand Army would wish to delegate the plans and decision to one of our Allied Orders and is instructed this is not the desire of the Grand Army so long as one Comrade survives and the Department of Michigan continues to function, accepted by the National organization as a Department.

Referring to minutes of Council meeting and vote taken on Recommendations, the subject clears and on motion of Comrade Warner seconded by all present, the invitation to hold 1944 Encampment in Bay City with Headquarters in Wenonah Hotel is accepted subject to any changes the future months may demand; Secretary to notify the Allied Orders following the election of the new officers.

Secretary asked to remember all Comrades known to be ill, and prepare the usual resolutions of thanks for all courtesies received.

Secretary Simpson: Commander and Comrades each year it is my pleasure to call your attention to the flowers presented by Mrs. Genevieve Viets in memory of her father Comrade Metzger; these Red, White and Blue blossoms are rarely beautiful—

*Remembrance is the sweetest word  
Thought ever framed, Heart ever heard.*

Commander Le Valley; Mrs. Viets usually comes to us; please thank her for the flowers and say we miss her.

Other lovely bouquets were presented by the Womans Relief Corps No. 7 and No. 32 of Lansing to the Commander and in Headquarters and session rooms. We are happily surprised by a visit from Capt. Chas. Norris, long time leader of the Michigan Fife and Drum Corps, who

brings the greetings of the Department United Spanish War Veterans and renews acquaintance with our Comrades.

All business completed we proceed to election.

Comrade Towner: I name our present Commander for Department Commander.

Commander Le Valley declines and says this honor should be passed on while one comrade remains who has not had it.

Comrade Towner then names Comrade Ferguson, seconded by Comrade Warner.

Secretary cast one unanimous ballot and Comrade Ferguson declared elected by Commander Le Valley.

For Senior Vice Commander Comrade Towner is named, no other nomination, he is declared elected.

Comrade George Heusted nominated for Jr. Vice Commander, no other nomination is declared elected.

Comrade Ferguson says the same Quartermaster Eugene Owen will be his choice with Secretary Simpson at Headquarters in the Capitol; Comrade Warner is asked to continue as Chaplain. Declares he is ready to do all he can.

Delegates to National Encampment Ralph Towner and Martin Warner.

Election completed we recess until the arrival of Henry Towle, Commander in Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans with our friend of many years, Past National Sr. Vice Commander Perle L. Fouch.

The Commander in Chief expresses his pride and pleasure in the invitation to install the Dept. officers as this honor had never been his.

The Installation ceremony according to the Ritual was given in an impressive manner. Slowly the words of the obligation were repeated by our Comrades; the badge of honor was "pinned over a heart of a true soldier, beginning to serve again"; the Past Commander badge presented Comrade Le Valley—"to one who has given a year of fine service to the Michigan Department, winning the love and respect of every member. Under such leadership and the devoted service of Miss Simpson, Michigan Department will continue outstanding for many years, this is my sincere wish. Your Sons stand ready to serve".

Commander Ferguson, upon accepting the gavel; Commander in Chief of the Sons, accepted the thanks of my Comrades and myself for the fine manner in which you have installed the officers; The ceremony as prescribed by the ritual is a grand one and we thank you for using the necessary parts. While I do not feel equal to the duties of this honorable office, with my officers we will give our best, tho we shall depend on our Secretary—as you say "with Miss Simpson at the helm we have no fear for the voyage". We thank you for the service of the Sons and your expression of good wishes and esteem in which you hold the Grand Army of the Republic.

Brother Perle Fouch greets the "new leaders of a fine Department", pledges his loyalty and assistance whenever needed and is happy to take back to Allegan Comrade Ralph Towner as Jr. Vice Commander.

Secretary Simpson: Department Commander Ferguson, I can only renew my pledge to serve you faithfully and thank you for your confidence and kindness thru the five years I have been honored in being "your Secretary."

A messenger arrives to say that 250 members of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Department Aides with their leader Mrs. Rose Avery, Senior Aide, await our coming to the main dining room, their guests at luncheon.

Department Commander Ferguson: We must not keep the good ladies waiting—is there any other business; Secretary reminds us of the prayer sent us by our loved Past National President Mrs. Grace Houlette Hahn of Miami, Fla., for the closing of this Encampment. All rise as the Secretary reverently reads:

#### PRAYER

*Lord, lift us into nobleness, may we do Thine errands of life Faithfully; they are not ours. Give us the heart of a little child full of faith and trust. Whether we live softly and at ease by the few who love us, whether under the shadow of THY hand or in the glare of day, let ours be the quiet spirit that trusts in THY goodness, confident that what God does, is right. Hear us, pity and pardon, guide us by Thy hand, so that the discipline of life over we may be worthy to receive the crown Immortal—Comrades—Amen.*

Department Ferguson: I now declare the 65th Annual Encampment of the Michigan Department Grand Army of the Republic, closed, sine die.

#### REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE.

Orlando Le Valley, Commander,  
Department of Michigan,  
Grand Army of the Republic.

My Dear Commander: No questions or unpleasantness of any kind have arisen in the Department which is proof that harmony rules in the ranks of the members and the officers of the Michigan Department.

Loyally in F. C. and L.

John Killeen, Judge Advocate.

## REPORT OF SOLDIERS HOME

Population of the Michigan Soldiers Home as of May 31, 1943.

## MEN

Civil War Veterans .....	2
Spanish-American War Veterans .....	49
World War No. I Veterans .....	180
World War No. II Veterans .....	2
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>233</b>

## WOMEN

Civil War Widows .....	35
Spanish-American War Mothers .....	4
Spanish-American War Widows .....	26
Spanish-American War Wives .....	5
World War Mothers .....	45
World War Widows .....	8
World War Wives .....	6
Indian War Widows .....	1
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>130</b>

## Population May 31, 1943

	Men	Women	Total
Duty (Main Building)	107	37	144
Hospital	38	52	90
Absent with leave	88	41	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>363</b>

Submitted by Comrade Owen who has visited the Home at least a dozen times during the year and was always courteously received; the grounds and buildings are well cared for, the cemetery nicely kept. The members seem happy and contented; the food is good.



**MEMORIAL ROLL**  
**DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN G. A. R.**  
**FOR THE YEAR 1942**

**POST NO. 1—GRAND RAPIDS**

James F. Ives ..... Private, Co. K. 11th Michigan Infantry

**POST NO. 17—DETROIT**

A. F. Chappell ..... 6th. Ohio Vol. Cavalry  
 W. H. Jackson ..... Private, Co. K. 12th. Vermont Infantry

**POST NO. 205—OWOSSO**

Rev. Isaac Hodgkins ..... Private, Co. F. 59th Mass. Infantry

**POST NO. 210—ALBION**

Jacob Perrine ..... Private, Co. E. 4th. Michigan Infantry

**POST NO. 211—IONIA**

Lemuel Tingley ..... Private, Co. C. 13th. New York Cavalry

**POST NO. 433—DETROIT**

John Haines ..... Bugler, Co. I. 104th. Ohio Infantry

**POST NO. 441—MASON**

Dennis McGonigal ..... Private, Co. C. 29th. Ohio Infantry

**COMRADES AT LARGE**

Phenix Ballard ..... Co. G. 29th. Michigan Cavalry, Linwood  
 Hugh O. Orr ..... Co. I. 4th. Michigan Cavalry, Otsego  
 John A. Dunn ..... Co. F. 4th. Michigan Infantry, Tecumseh  
 Charles Martin ..... Co. H. 86th. & Co. B. 182nd. Ohio Inf., Adrian  
 Robert Monamus ..... Co. E. 1st. Col. Infantry, Romulus  
 Wesley J. West ..... Co. C. 12th. Indiana Cavalry, Colon

The memory of the men whose valor and sacrifice saved the Republic,  
 will live forever in the hearts of their grateful countrymen.



—Courtesy of State Journal.

G. A. R. COMRADES AND "MODERN WARRIORS"

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Yarns of army life are always in order where soldiers gather, as witnessed in the picture showing the nation's most recent generation of soldiers, both masculine and feminine, chatting with G.A.R. veterans gathered on the steps of the Capitol at the close of the 65th Annual Encampment, G.A.R., June 18, 1943. Veterans, from left to right, are, W. H. Ferguson of Kent City, age 95; Ralph Towner of Allegan, age 96; Orlando Le Valley, Caro, age 94; Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids, age 98. World War II soldiers, Pfc. Ruben Emerson, Madison, Wis.; Corp. Chops Lieberman, Baltimore, Md.; while the two WAACs, are 2nd Lieut's Jeanne Mitchell and Jean Bonnan of Detroit, Mich.

### MEMORIES OF THE ENCAMPMENT

Saturday noon we accept the invitation of Frances Dorsey, Department President, to lunch with the Ladies of the G.A.R. Mrs. Lillie Wall, their National Representative; a most enjoyable hour.

### CAMP FIRE BANQUET

Acting Mayor Ralph W. Crego, welcomes us to Lansing.

Our honored guest, Governor Harry F. Kelly, thrilled every listener in his tribute to "that great army of 90,000 who went out from Michigan and to the four Comrades present who by service and sacrifice brought Unity to our Country" His appeal that there be no lessening of the support given in Michigan for the success of the present war, "that the Unity and Freedom won by the Men of 61-65 be ours" challenged us to carry on as leaders in patriotic work.

Seated with our four Comrades and the Governor were National Commander in Chief, Sons of Union Veterans, Department Commander of Sons; National Presidents, Woman's Relief Corps and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans; National representatives, Ladies of the G.A.R. and of Daughters of Union Veterans, each escorted by her Department Pres.

Department officers representing the Veterans of Foreign Wars; United Spanish War; Disabled American War Veterans; American Legion; Commandant of the Soldiers Home; and the Chairman of Board of managers.

Inspiring talks; songs; Comrade Warner gives the long Roll of 17th Ill. Inf. presentation of gifts to the Michigan Department by Department Presidents.

Department Secretary Simpson presides and in behalf of the Department, accepts the generous gifts "to be used for the pleasure and comfort of the Comrades."

Commander Le Valley declares the 65th Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, officially opened.

Reverently we repeat the Mizpah benediction.

*God Speed and Good Bye.*

Saturday noon before starting for home Comrades and Secretary are guests of the Woman's Relief Corps. "Aides luncheon." Sr. Aide Avery presiding.

## DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

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

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

Commander in Chief, John C. Robinson, by Special Order No. 8, issued from National Headquarters April 12, 1878, appointed Comrade C. V. R. Pond, Provisional Commander of Michigan Department, vice Comrade Puriton relieved at his own request. Dan W. Sawyer was appointed Assistant Adjutant and Headquarters established at Quincy.

Ending June 1878, the Department showed seven Posts. Petersburg No. 5, and Muncie No. 6 were dropped; Custer Post was organized at Grand Rapids on Sept. 27, 1878, with eighteen members and given the number 6.

January 6, 1879, the Commander in Chief issued Orders giving Provisional Commander Pond authority to call a State Encampment for the purpose of organizing a Permanent Department and for election of Department officers. This first Encampment was held at Custer Hall, Grand Rapids; four active Posts were reported with a membership of 127; Posts were re-numbered placing Custer No. 5; this number it holds to this day with its surviving members our Quartermaster General Owen as Commander and Martin J. Warner, Chaplain.

In 1880 Custer Post was host to the second Department Encampment; with 9 active Posts and 231 members, the success of the Michigan Department was assured. Organization of Posts continued through the next 15 years with a varying membership in the older Posts, the peak being reached in 1889 with 21,418 members on Department roll.

Since 1928 a steady lessening of Posts and members brings the realization the Grand Army has entered the Sunset Trail.

The report of Dec. 31, 1942, with 39 members placed Michigan second on the National Roll; lovingly we say, "Our Vanishing Army."

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 January, 1943:

Year	Posts	Members	Year	Posts	Members
1879	6	127	1912	286	8,707
1880	9	281	1913	279	8,226
1881	13	482	1914	271	7,821
1882	27	1,019	1915	267	7,452
1883	100	4,442	1916	263	6,995
1884	209	10,311	1917	252	6,257
1885	288	14,475	1918	240	5,553
1886	316	16,957	1919	238	5,115
1887	348	19,226	1920	227	4,667
1888	371	21,353	1921	212	4,000
1889	373	21,418	1922	197	3,386
1890	377	21,255	1923	193	3,105
1891	375	20,765	1924	190	2,836
1892	391	20,905	1925	149	2,377
1893	390	20,469	1926	125	1,882
1894	384	19,020	1927	119	1,563
1895	383	18,059	1928	112	1,212
1896	373	16,766	1929	109	991
1897	382	16,096	1930	102	817
1898	385	15,831	1931	97	656
1899	386	15,531	1932	89	550
1900	382	15,102	1933	81	418
1901	375	14,930	1934	78	314
1902	368	14,406	1935	68	244
1903	359	13,716	1936	66	198
1904	355	13,168	1937	45	120
1905	346	12,282	1938	35	78
1906	340	11,566	1939	31	59
1907	326	11,068	1940	26	50
1908	318	10,688	1941	21	35
1909	313	10,220	1942	16	47
1910	311	9,854	1943	10	33
1911	309	9,372			

## OUR COMRADES OF TODAY:

*From Letters Received During the Year*

*Homer Sherwood:* Only living veteran in Monroe County sends thanks for the Easter Greeting received and best wishes to every Comrade. 96 years old in April.

*James F. Lyon:* Charter member of Menominee Post 266. A Corporal in the service by brevet order was made First Lieut. April 10, 1865 for "distinguished gallantry and coolness manifested at Ford Tyler" sends his thanks for the Flag sent by Department on his 100th birthday Sept. 17th. A great day in his home, more than 100 callers, band serenade by Legion Band, flowers everywhere, but above all his Flag will always be in his room with its message from Michigan Department.

*Wm. Dubay:* 100 years old next April 2nd, lives with his daughter in New Baltimore. Enlisted in 1861, captured at Battle of Chicaumauga, was prisoner 14 months.

*George Heusted:* Department Jr. Vice Commander, the youngest Michigan veteran ran away from home when only 13 years old—returned after two years' service, a veteran at 15. Oct. 29 he will be 93 years—*young—keen and vigorous.*

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*Nelson Porritt:* Now at the Soldiers Home; enjoys the Department Secretary's call.

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*Holden Albro:* Blind for many years, though 97 years old enjoys fair health. Lives on his farm 3½ miles from Leslie.

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*James Rooney:* Now living in Sarnia Hospital is permitted to enter U. S. to head Memorial Day parade in Port Huron; was at Richmond when General Lee surrendered.

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*George W. Wilt:* Charter member of Post 25 has served his Post almost continuously since its organization; since the passing of Comrade Beardsley, has been the only surviving member of the Post, mustered in 1881.

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*Martin A. Loop:* 100 years old last January 14; still enjoying the sunshine in Sacramento, Calif.

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*George Morgan:* Still hale at 96 and in great demand at all patriotic events in Detroit.

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*E. M. Holt:* Now in La Cruces, Mexico, always first with his report and Tax. Encloses a verse or tract well worth reading and much enjoyed by the Secretary.

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*Ralph Towner:* Senior Vice Commander, served under General Grant in Department of the Potomac. A welcome Comrade at Encampment; Active; "straight as an arrow" at 95.

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*Oscar Mott:* Not able to get out much but "enjoys the loving care of the Daughters of Tent 34," Benton Harbor. Was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

*Joos Ver Plank:* April 2nd reached the age of 99 years. One of his eight sons passed recently and our Comrade made the trip from Gary, Ind., to Charlotte to attend the services; His son, Abram, was 77 years old. While we marvel at the strength of our Comrade, our hearts go out to him in this sad hour.

*S. H. Carlton:* Remembers the Secretary with greeting cards on our Anniversaries; carries on as leader in patriotic work in Kalamazoo.

*W. H. Jackson:* Word has been received of the passing of this noted Comrade in New York; this disbands one of our oldest Posts, No. 17 of Detroit. Comrade Jackson, whose early pictures of the West for the Hayden survey in the '70's now are historical documents was known as "Father of National Parks".

## 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

Year	Entertaining City	Presiding Commander
1914	Jackson	Frank R. Chase
1915	Kalamazoo	Riley I. Jones
1916	Bay City	Eli Strong
1917	Battle Creek	Lucius H. Ives
1918	Saginaw	William O. Lee
1919	Traverse City	David S. Howard
1920	Port Huron	Edwin F. Lamb
1921	Flint	Henry Spaulding
1922	Detroit	J. J. Holmes
1923	Grand Rapids	William Mears
1924	Lansing	Lyman A. Gilbert
1925	Port Huron	M. C. Barney
1926	Jackson	John Seel
1927	Benton Harbor	James R. Stephenson
1928	Kalamazoo	Charles A. Bartlett
1929	Bay City	A. C. Estabrook
1930	Pontiac	A. C. Estabrook
1931	Grand Rapids	A. C. Estabrook
1932	Petoskey	Orestus Blake
1933	Saginaw	Orestus Blake
1934	Grand Rapids	John Killeen
1935	Mt. Clemens	Frank D. Keeler
1936	Battle Creek	Ira M. Stewart
1937	Detroit	Ira M. Stewart
1938	Grand Rapids	S. H. Carlton
1939	Jackson	A. C. Estabrook
1940	Ann Arbor	A. F. Chappell
1941	Lansing	M. J. Warner
1942	Grand Rapids	Sr. Vice Orlando Le Valley
1943	Lansing	Orlando Le Valley

#### REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY.

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

ORLANDO LEVALLEY, *Department Commander:*

Following the 64th Annual Encampment held in Grand Rapids, at which you were elected Commander, I remained in Grand Rapids with Commander in Chief and Mrs. Gay, until duty in other Departments called them to the West. Together with Quartermaster General we motored to Coopersville to visit Comrade Park whose illness prevented his attending and presiding at the Encampment; then on to Soldiers' Home to spend an hour with Comrades Ives and Warner. In the evening Miss Eleanor Giradot, President of Eva Gray Tent, opened her home for reception to our distinguished guests and Q.M. General Owen. Feeling the week had been well spent I returned to my home in Detroit and following a pleasant motor trip returned to open Headquarters in Lansing, and began compiling General Orders No. 1.

The month brought many duties other than routine Department work. Two social evenings with the Daughters; two Corps meetings with your greetings; the Parade of Production in Detroit; on the 25th, the Wolverine Boy State, took over all Departments of the Government for the one day in Lansing; about 100 visit Department. This annual event is much enjoyed.

To lessen the more than 200 mile bus trip each week, I move to my old home in Jackson; this without closing the Headquarters one day.



**JULY**—Begin typing copy of Encampment proceedings for our Journal; Mail out National General Orders No. 4, not wishing to hold until our are printed. Proof read No. 1 G. O. With Department President and Secretary of the Woman's Relief Corps, guest at dinner with Corps No. 7. Official guest at banquet and reception to Department President Climie and officers of the Daughters of Union Veterans, at Allegan.

**AUGUST**—Began happily with a "Wedding Pageant" sponsored by Tent No. 14; official dinner with Department President and Secretary in Williamston; a happy day in Detroit with your gift and greetings to Comrade Haines, celebrating his one hundredth birthday. Mail out G. O. No. 1; close National books and prepare the year report as Secretary to Quartermaster General.

On the 24th word received of the passing of Comrade Ives, Commander of John A. Logan Post No. 1; sadly we record the disbanding of another Post. I attended the funeral at Soldiers' Home and assist officers of the Corps in the service at the grave.

Attend one Flag presentation and one Red Cross meeting. Collect contribution for Safety Patrol project. Proof read Journal.

**SEPTEMBER 10th**, close Headquarters to open in Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis, to spend the week with our four Comrades in National Encampment. Comrade Owen again brings the honor of Quartermaster General to Michigan Department. I continue as Secretary and bookkeeper.

I have tried to carry out your expressed wish and that of Commanders preceding you, to keep the Grand Army before the public and our Allied Orders. Anticipating many social calls on my time, the closing quarter I worked long hours into the night that no routine work at Headquarters be neglected. In the closing three months I visited Detroit twice officially; reception to Department officers sponsored by Tent No. 3; Encampment conference; inspected two Corps in Saginaw; visited Bay City; Attended District Convention and Inspected Dimondale Corps; visited Comrades Warner, Porritt and Hurd who are ill at Soldiers' Home; issue National Journal; two sessions with Daughters of Veterans; inspect Mason Corps; two early Christmas parties; prepare and mail G. O. 2-3; greetings to every Comrade, to Department "heads" and exchange with Departments through the states, 149 received at Department; Christmas trees and dinners with Corps 7 and 32; close Headquarters on the 24th and with a song of thankfulness deep in my heart that so many dear Comrades I may serve, have been spared to us, I greet the Christmas morn.

**JANUARY, 1943**—The month of blizzards and deep snow, piled everywhere making travel a hardship, I returned to Lansing and opened Headquarters for the New Year. Install officers of Tent 14; attend Red Cross; on 14th though only three above zero, carry greetings and gift to Comrade Loop in Adrian—all day reception and banquet in evening as he celebrates his one hundredth birthday; on the 19th through the blizzard of the year and hours late I reach Grand Rapids to extend your good wishes to Comrade Owen on his 94th birthday. No bus service available, I remain over night and visit our three Comrades at Soldiers' Home.

Never will I forget the note of joy in Comrade Hurd's voice as he whispered "you did not forget me" while his trembling hands clung to mine, silently I renewed my pledge to never fail our Comrades—"My Boys".

Close of the month, visit a city suggesting Encampment, appear before Ways and Means Committee at Capitol; mail General Orders; entertain Department President of Woman's Relief Corps; Somewhere in my travels I picked up the pneumonia germ and was confined to my home until well into February, all Department work continued with help of typist and forwarding mail. Returning to Capitol, by appointment presided at Preliminary Meeting on the 27th at Hotel Olds and was elected General Chairman for the June Encampment.

**MARCH**—Visit School for the Blind; attend Regional meeting of the Sons of Veterans held in Otsego Hotel, Jackson; Compile G. O. No. 4 with its long Memorial Roll of loved Comrades; with Comrades Owen and Warner attend the funeral of Past Department John M. Park in Coopersville, assist in reading the service. Visit Soldiers' Home.

**APRIL**—brought sadness in the passing of friends of many years, Comrades Alonzo Dibble and Charles Hurd. I attended the service for Comrade Dibble in Detroit and Comrade Hurd at Soldiers' Home, have a part in the service in Chapel and at the grave.

Prepare two feature articles on "The Grand Army of Today"; a trip to Battle Creek to secure Charter and property of Farragut Post No. 32, disbanded with the passing of Commander Howland; was entertained by the President and Patriotic Instructor.

As if to compensate for the sadness of the past month **MAY** was busy and happy. Entertain Department President of Daughters and with her attend a delightful reception and evening with Tent No. 14, Lansing, hostess; With officers of Sons of Veterans, motor to Ann Arbor banquet and initiation; attend 9th birthday party of A. L. Bryant Corps No. 32; prepare three articles on Memorial Day; mail all invitations for Encampment; three committee meetings; visit Comrade Killeen in Portland; Pot Luck and regular meeting of Camp Blair; Mail 300 G. O. No. 4; prepare all programs for Encampment and Banquet.

On 24th leave for Saginaw enroute to Vassar, Mayville and Caro. Received in Vassar by Corps President, together we visit Comrade Heusted who accompanies us to Vassar to join Department Commander Le Valley and daughter, Ivah, to enjoy a banquet dinner and regular session of the Corps, following this my long anticipated visit to our Commander Le Valley became a reality; two days spent in reviewing the work of the year preparatory to compiling his report were indeed happy and well spent; all delays in travel through lakes of water and flooded detours, soon forgotten; in contented mind I reached the Capitol to find the notice that an increase in our budget would be allowed the coming year. I express our sincere thanks to the Ways and Means Committee with special thought of Representative Epsie, the Chairman, for the kindly reception given me and the real interest shown to the needs of the Department. Following Memorial Day I return to Capitol to prepare all reports for Encampment and close books for the Audit.

Open Junior Chamber of Commerce Drive, buying first Bond; picture taken in Headquarters; on 13th represent Department, guest at banquet of the United Spanish War Veterans; attend Memorial of their Auxiliary in evening.

Flag Day at the Capitol; prepare tribute to Grand Army for W.R.C. Memorial. Close Headquarters to open on 17th in Hotel Olds for 65th Annual Encampment.

I have traveled 6,008 miles by bus during the year in carrying on our work.

Some of our work is sheer routine, some is joyous fun  
 But one must be completed, e'er the other is begun.  
 Each little item is a step toward a shining goal  
 Each tiny trifle goes to make a finer whole.

It may seem I could have done more—but, the routine work of the office must go on each day; more than two hundred visitors have been received; the research work involved in tracing records in answer to requests received from many states demands many hours of delving into boxes and files before typing and mailing out; these this year number 291; four General Orders and the Journal must be compiled, typed for the printer, and mailed to the hundreds on our mailing lists; many times these duties prevent my accepting invitations though my aim has been to meet with our Allied Orders whenever possible—to bring something to keep the ideals and service of the Men of 61-65 before them. If words of mine can do this, I too, am serving.

#### DEPARTMENT MAILING

National and Department General Orders .....	1200
Birthday; Get Well; Greetings .....	207
Sympathy .....	17
Service Records .....	291
Journals .....	266
Official letters; receipts, badges .....	361
Total pieces .....	2342

I have made 38 calls on 13 Comrades and have whispered a last fond farewell over the graves of four. I treasure the honor and the opportunity that is mine in serving the Grand Army of the Republic.

God keep us in his tender care  
 Till next we meet.

Loyally yours,  
 LEAH M. SIMPSON,  
 Department Secretary.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan, June 12, 1942

General Orders No. 1.

Series 1941-1942.

- I. Having been unanimously elected Commander of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command, asking the co-operation of every comrade. The following comrades were elected or appointed to serve on the Department Staff.
  
- II. Department Commander ..... Orlando Le Valley, Caro  
 Senior Vice Commander ..... Cyrus Perrigo, Vassar  
 Junior Vice Commander ..... Martin A. Loop, Adrian  
 Chaplain ..... Martin J. Warner, Grand Rapids  
 Judge Advocate ..... John Killeen, Portland  
 A. A. & Q. M. General ..... Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids  
     Council of Administration  
     John M. Park ..... Coopersville  
     William H. Ferguson ..... Kent City  
     Martin J. Warner ..... Grand Rapids  
     Alonzo Dibble ..... Detroit  
     E. M. Holt ..... Shelby
  
- III. Patriotic Instructor ..... Nelson R. Wood, South Haven  
 Chief of Staff ..... George W. Wilt, Blissfield  
 Senior Aide ..... Ralph Towner, Allegan  
 Sergeant National Colors ..... James F. Lyon, Menominee  
 Sergeant Department Colors ..... Wesley J. West, Colon
  
- IV. Delegate at Large, W. H. Ferguson; Alternate, Charles P. Hurd  
 Department Secretary ..... Leah M. Simpson
  
- V. The Seventy-sixth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Indianapolis, Ind., during the week of September 13. Headquarters of the Michigan Department will be at the Claypool Hotel; address our Secretary, Box 433, Lansing, for reservations, that we may all be in Headquarters. Notify the Secretary as early as possible. Let us make every effort to attend this Encampment.
  
- VI. The Sixty-fourth Annual Encampment, just closed, will always be outstanding in the history of Michigan Department, nine Comrades in happy accord at every session and social event. Commander in Chief George A. Gay and his charming wife arrived from Nashua, New Hampshire, on Tuesday. Regretfully we bade them "good bye and Godspeed" as they left Michigan Saturday to attend other State Encampments. His genial presence, keen judgement, helpful suggestion and inspiring message at every gathering will never be forgotten.

With no thought of fatigue, on Friday a motor trip was made to Coopersville to spend an hour with Commander Park who continues very ill and was unable to preside at the Encampment. Hearing Commander Ives was also ill we continued on to Soldiers' Home, pausing a moment in silent respect for the three thousand soldiers sleeping in the beautiful Cemetery; then to the home of Commander and Mrs. Ives, happy to be honored by a visit from Commander in Chief.

Quartermaster General Owen entertained at dinner and in the evening Miss Giradot opened her home for a pleasant hour with Sons and Daughters and members of the Allied Orders.

VII. Sr. Vice Department Commander Le Valley, presided at every session in the absence of Department Commander John M. Park who continues seriously ill. Much important legislation was enacted: The Secretary was authorized to purchase a Defense Bond, in the name of Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic; No decision as to time or place of next Encampment, details to be made by Secretary and presented Administrative Board; Protest—removal and destruction of Civil War relics; the changing of date of Memorial Day; And use of words "War between the States" instead of "Civil War". Full details will appear in the 1942 Journal, compiled by our Secretary.

VIII. Congratulations are extended to the newly elected officers of our Allied Orders. Our beloved America is again at war; the problems we face may become more serious as the months roll on. I greatly appreciate the honor my Comrades have bestowed on me and pledge the support of the Grand Army of the Republic, to the limit of our strength; our Secretary has never failed us—ask what you will.

Let us draw close to each other, clasping hands in Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, knowing always "In Unity There is Strength."

By Command of  
ORLANDO LEVALLEY,  
Department Commander.

Official:  
Eugene Owen,  
Assistant Adjutant General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan

November 1, 1942.

GENERAL ORDERS NOS. 2-3.

Series 1942-1943.

- I. The 76th National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic came to its close, Thursday, September 17, 1942, following the election of Comrade John S. Dumser of California as Commander in Chief. A week long to be remembered; for the sixth time Indianapolis opened her doors to the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic; President Roosevelt sent his own band, the United States Marine, under direction of Capt. William F. Santelman, to furnish music for every occasion; Governor and Mrs. Schricker tendered a reception in honor of our Commander-in-Chief and Staff in the Governor's parlors, State Capitol; Brigadier-General Frank T. Hines, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, and Senator Ludlow, addressed us at the Camp Fire.
- II. WEDNESDAY, PARADE DAY—Indianapolis crowded its streets to again pay homage to our leaders and Comrades; a hush descended as they rode slowly along in open automobiles and tears dimmed the eyes as thoughts turned to other years when the Men of 61-65 marched gayly through these same streets.
- III. Quartermaster General Eugene Owen, Department Commander Orlando Le Valley, Chaplain M. J. Warner and Delegate at Large, Wm. H. Ferguson, our voting delegation, attended every Encampment session. To Commander-in-Chief Dumser and entire staff we tender our good wishes and pledge the co-operation and loyalty of the Michigan Department.  
For the signal honor shown the Department, in the re-appointment of Comrade Eugene Owen as Quartermaster General, we express our appreciation. The work of our Secretary, Leah M. Simpson, in keeping the books of the National and reports made, received the fullest approval of the Council of Administration. She was retained as Secretary to Quartermaster General and will continue the National work at Dept. Headquarters, Box 433, Lansing.
- IV. This is the last General Orders for 1942; report blanks are enclosed, which should be carefully filled and returned with the one dollar National Per Capita Tax to Secretary, Box 433, Lansing, by January 5th, 1943.
- V. Sponsors of Comrades at Large: Last year through your co-operation Michigan Department stood third in membership in the National organization; the privilege of serving our Comrades cannot long be ours; the Per Capita Tax of one dollar for your Comrade should reach the Secretary by January 5th. Please be

on time that no Comrade be dropped from the Michigan Department. The Secretary will appreciate any item about "your Comrade" as from these reports the records are made. Let us broadcast the fact that the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic still lives to carry on.

- VI. Appeals for decision relative to dismantling cannon and Civil War relics at this time, have come to Headquarters from Allied Orders and individual owners throughout the state, with the thought of the RESOLUTION and PROTEST voiced at our last Encampment we reprint the closing lines of that resolution: "We protest the dismantling of any such war 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."
- VII. Newspaper clippings under date October 12 received at Headquarters state: "The Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army has issued a special order directing Posts and owners of Civil War relics to turn them in to the collectors of scrap". Comrades and members of Allied Orders, our Secretary informs me no National General Order has been received at Headquarters and no Special Order from our Commander-in-Chief, issued. I would urge we suppress and correct these mistaken impressions until any such decision is promulgated through the proper channels—a National General Order. As your Department Commander I can give no decision as to your individual duty, confident every American will do his part in the hour of his Country's need. In our YOUTH, we men of 61-65 answered the call of President Lincoln to preserve the freedom and ideals of our Country—today we can do little. Again YOUTH must answer the call, even now in far away lands and on the high seas thousands have given their lives for US; we who love our Country and Flag will not hesitate to part with treasured relics should our President call for this or any sacrifice though in our hearts we pray—"May they be the last to go."
- VIII. As ordered by vote of Department, one Defense Bond has been purchased and filed with the records of the Department.
- IX. Members are requested to send notice of the passing of any Comrade known to them to the Dept. Secretary that our records may be kept correct.
- X. Allied Orders or individuals holding the charter of any DISBANDED POST please send Charter or record of same to Secretary Leah M. Simpson, Box 433, Lansing. This is IMPORTANT.
- XI. Armistice Day: Every Comrade should have some part in the observance of this day and send report to the Secretary. This is the birthday of our Chaplain M. J. Warner; we are indeed sorry to hear of his illness at Soldiers' Home and pray for his speedy recovery.

XII. **THANKSGIVING DAY:** While hunger and misery is the portion of millions in other lands, give thanks for the blessings that are ours, sharing your bounty with others. Let brotherly love dwell in your hearts.

XIII. **Christmas Day:** In many homes the joy of the day will be dimmed; loved faces will be missing as we gather around the festive board and Christmas tree.

“He’ll spend his Christmas ’neath the Flag: he’ll miss each merry face,

Old Glory smiling down on him must take his mother’s place.”

A note of sadness will be in every carol we sing, yet your Commander and Staff wish for all a measure of happiness and peace as we enter the **NEW YEAR**, with the knowledge that over us God has spread his protecting wing, the star of his love has led us in all the past and will lead us on to the dawn of a glorious day when Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man, shall reign.

By command of

**ORLANDO LE VALLEY,**  
Department Commander.

Official:

**EUGENE OWEN,**  
Asst. Adjt. and Q. M. General.



## IN MEMORIAM

Our hearts are bowed in sorrow as word of the passing of three of our oldest members comes to us.

Jacob H. Perrine—Co. E., 4th Michigan Inft. and Commander of Post 210 in Albion, became a member of the Albion Post in 1886 and held his membership till the day of his death; in all these years never out of active service as an officer; was elected Commander three times and in 1938 as only surviving member again was given that honor, to carry till his passing, disbanded E. W. Hollingsworth Post No. 210, August 10, 1942. Comrade Perrine was 102 years old January 29, 1942.

James F. Ives—Co. K., 11th Michigan Inft. Became a member of John A. Logan Post No. 1, Soldiers' Home, by transfer, in 1935, and was elected Commander the following year. One by one he saw his Comrades laid to rest till on August 26 he, too, answered the summons. He was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Soldiers' Home, Chaplain Cornelius Swart preaching the sermon. The ritual service of the Grand Army read by our Department Secretary, assisted by Commander of the Sons of Union Veterans and President of John A. Logan Woman's Relief Corps and members. Taps were sounded by Comrades of the Spanish War.

John C. Hain—104th Ohio Inft. celebrated his one hundredth birthday on August 15th. He became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1926. In 1929, elected Junior Vice Commander of Gen. O. M. Poe Post No. 433, Detroit, was advanced to the office of Commander the following year and faithfully served his Post till the day of his passing. Two years ago he paid tribute to his only member and continued sadly to carry on, answering every call his strength would permit. The Department sadly marks the Disbanding of Post No. 433.

To the family and friends of any Comrade whose passing has not been reported, our sympathy goes out; our tribute to their lives and service we would pay.

Let all America join in the prayer  
That this they brought to us be lasting peace,  
A peace that spreads its brilliance everywhere  
In splendor, that through TIME shall never cease.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN  
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Lansing, Michigan

April 6, 1943

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4

Series 1942-43.

- I. A meeting of the heads of the Allied Orders, was held February 27th., at the Hotel Olds to consider the possibility of holding our Annual Encampment in June. Realizing that war clouds hang heavy about us, that transportation is almost impossible and hundreds of our members are giving every day to Defense work, months ago, our Secretary was delegated to make every effort to interest some city in this encampment; by correspondence and visits this has been done and the result presented to our members at the Preliminary meeting.
- II. It was not possible for your Department Commander to go to Lansing and our Secretary was appointed to preside and present the wishes of the Grand Army, for a short business Encampment omitting many of the social activities; to this our Allied Orders heartily agreed.
- III. After careful consideration, despite the ever present thought that all conventions may at any time, be cancelled by the Government it was decided to convene the 65th Annual Encampment in Lansing June 18-19, 1943. Our Secretary was appointed General Chairman.
- IV. Headquarters will be established Friday June 18th in Hotel Olds. Comrades are requested to arrive in time for luncheon with Department Commander. The only joint social activity will take place in the Hotel, at six o'clock that evening, Reception and Banquet, every Comrade the honored guest.

**PROGRAM. FRIDAY, JUNE 18**

- V. 12:00 Noon Luncheon with Department Commander.  
2:00 P. M. Registration, Headquarters Room.  
3:00 P. M. Administrative Board Meeting. Audit of books of Asst. Adj. and Quartermaster General.  
6:00 P. M. Banquet; Welcome from State and City officials; Greetings; Official Opening of Encampment by Department Commander.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**

- VI. The one session deemed necessary for Department business will be called at 8:30 Saturday morning. Installation of officers at twelve o'clock giving Comrades ample time to lunch together and depart for their homes at an early hour.

There will be no Sunday session. We appreciate the interest and attention to our needs, given us by the management of Hotel Olds.

- VII. Comrades, this may be our only opportunity to clasp hands and mingle with our Allied Orders—for the duration. I beg of you to make every effort to attend this Encampment with the hope that even one day of fellowship may inspire all, to greater service in this hour of our Country's need.

Our Secretary has reserved a sufficient number of rooms for Friday night but please notify at once should you wish to remain for Saturday night at the Hotel. This is **MOST IMPORTANT** as rooms are at a premium, more than half the Hotel having been taken by the Government for the needs of the Army. Address all inquiries to Leah M. Simpson, Box 433, Lansing, Michigan.

#### DEFENSE.

- VIII. Each day the war clouds spread, casualty lists are in greater number released by our government bringing sorrow into many homes of our loved ones.

While our hearts thrill to the record of bravery of our American boys so far from home, we who must remain at home have a part to do. We must share our plenty; let us not fail in this.

#### MOTHERS DAY.

- IX. By joint resolution approved by Congress May 8th, 1914 the second Sunday in May was designated—Mothers Day. President Wilson issued the first proclamation calling for a display of the Flag on all Government buildings and the people to display it at their homes.

Her thoughts were all so full of US  
She never could forget  
And so I think, that where she is  
She must be watching yet.

Comrades, unfurl your Flag and wear the white flower in her memory.

#### MEMORIAL DAY

- X. I call upon you to have some part with our Patriotic orders in the observance of this day set apart in 1868 by our Commander in Chief Gen. John A. Logan, as a day of remembrance. We are all beneficiaries of the service of our Soldier dead.

Memorial Day is not a glorification of War, but an exaltation of Peace, the expression of our gratitude to all who thru the years have offered their lives in the service of their Country.

Memorial Sunday join the hosts who gather in our churches in prayer for loved ones now offering their lives in the far flung corners of the world, on the sea and in the air, strong in the certainty that tho the quest for Peace will lead them thru sacrifice and sorrow, it will bring a glorious Victory in the end.

**FLAG DAY**

- XI. Timbers have crashed, and guns have pealed,  
But never did our ensign yield its honor to the foe.

June 14th will be observed as Flag Day; Comrades join with our Orders in some public tribute to our Flag and display it at your homes.

Let its colors speak for you,  
That you still are standing, true  
True in sight of God and man,  
To the work the Flag began.

- XII. In response to inquiry, "why are Credentials no longer issued" we quote the ruling of the 49th Annual Encampment: "every member of the Department of Michigan Grand Army of the Republic, in good standing, be and is hereby made a member of the Department Encampment; such to be entitled to the National Countersign. Comrades at Large are also entitled to this privilege. The Secretary assures me that every Comrade in Michigan is in good standing.

- XIII. Will the family or friends of any Comrade, knowing of his sickness or death please send such notice to Headquarters, Box 433, Lansing.

Because of misunderstanding and wrong information given out, about charters, books and property of a disbanded Post, the Department deems it necessary to repeat the National LAW and quote—

"In case of surrender or forfeiture of a charter, the charter, books of record and Post papers shall be immediately sent to the Assistant Adjutant-General at Department Headquarters and shall be subject to the disposition of the Department Encampment. However, any Post surrendering its charter, may, if it shall so vote, deposit charter, books of record and papers with the nearest historical society, public library or managers of a memorial building, to be kept and preserved by such society, library or managers of such memorial building. The receipt of such historical society, public library or managers of a memorial building, deposited with the Assistant Adjutant-General, shall be evidence that the Rules and Regulations have been complied with."

The incorporation by an organization as Auxiliary to a Grand Army Post or Department, does not thereby make that organization heir to the property of the Post or Department. The Grand Army of the Republic has no heirs. Posts and Departments may however make a WILL disposing of all property—except CHARTERS and BOOKS of RECORD and MINUTES.

- XIV. Plans for the National Encampment will be promulgated in next General Orders.

- XV. Comrade Nelson Porritt is now enrolled at the Soldiers' Home; Comrade Hurd is still confined to his room. I express my thanks to our Chaplain Martin Warner who so gladly visits them almost daily.

- XVI. I take this opportunity to thank our efficient Secretary who has taken the burden from my shoulders in solving the many problems that have been ours this year, leaving me only happy memories of my year of service as Department Commander: January 14th., Miss Simpson represented Department at the 100th birthday of our Jr. Vice Commander Martin A. Loop in Adrian and on the 17th in the blizzard of the year carried our greetings to Quartermaster General Eugene Owen in Grand Rapids at the banquet sponsored by the Eva Gray Tent of Daughters. May the years bring continued happiness and activity to these Comrades.
- Comrade Owen has been my good right hand, ever ready to serve and to represent the Department at public gatherings.
- XVII. Post Commanders, Chaplains and Post Secretaries are requested to take extra care in reporting Memorial Day services and all activities of our Comrades during the year, as soon after Memorial Day as possible; these items are appreciated in compiling the Annual Journal and reports to Department Encampment, June 18-19. Please be on time.
- XVIII. Grim Death entered our official family claiming three we loved. Past Department Commander, John M. Park; Patriotic Instructor Nelson R. Wood and Wesley J. West, Serg't of Department Colors. Our hearts go out to those left to carry on with heavy hearts.
- XIX. In nearing the close of my official year I can truthfully say I have done my best to show my appreciation of the honor bestowed on me by my Comrades; the honor and dignity of the Grand Army of the Republic has been my first thought.
- To my successor I pledge my loyalty and bespeak for him the same co-operation so gladly given me by every officer and Comrade and every member of our Allied Orders, all have been splendid.

God chose to teach love's wondrous art  
 Of comfort, cheer that never ends,  
 By giving to the thankful heart  
 The dear good gift, of faithful friends.

By command of  
 ORLANDO LEVALLEY,  
 Department Commander.

Official:  
 EUGENE OWEN,  
 Asst. Adjt. and Q.M. General.

## IN MEMORIAM

It is with profound sorrow we record the passing of another beloved Past Department Commander, one whose love of life and the good he could bring to others made him an outstanding figure in the home town where he spent more than a half century.

JOHN M. PARK, was born in Ashland County, Ohio and at the age of 16 followed his father and three brothers by enlisting in Co. H, Second Ohio Cavalry, serving till close of the war.

In 1872 he moved to Ottawa county, Michigan making his home in Coopersville where he died Mar. 16, 1943.

He became a member of the Grand Army of the Republic in the early nineties serving in many offices; in 1941 was elected Department Commander. In the early months of this year giving cheerful service in public appearances and visits to Soldiers' Home, to comrades in Grand Rapids and those living in nearby towns, re-instating three as Comrades at Large.

The winter of 1941 saw his health beginning to fail, confining him to his home many months and depriving him of the happiness of presiding at the 64th Annual Department Encampment.

The body of our Commander lay in state in the Methodist Church in Coopersville. The Department was represented by Quartermaster General Eugene Owen, Department Chaplain Martin Warner and our Department Secretary; the last ritualistic tribute of the Grand Army was given. Full military honors at the grave were under auspices of the Coopersville American Legion.

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NELSON R. WOOD: Department Patriotic Instructor, Commander of Post No. 35 and only surviving veteran of the Civil War in South Haven died at the home of his son in Coloma, March 23, 1943.

Born in Auburn, Ohio Nov. 26, 1846, he served in U. S. Navy before enlisting in Co. E 196 Ohio Vol. Inft. He became a member of Post No. 35, Zach Chandler of South Haven, in 1886 transferring to Benton Harbor in 1905 but re-joining Post No. 35 in 1925 and elected Post Commander in 1936 holding the office till death claimed him.

Always a leader in patriotic work on Memorial Day in South Haven and speaking at services in Cemetery at Covert, he will be sadly missed. For years the report of his patriotic activities has been first to reach Department after Memorial Day.

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WESLEY J. WEST—died at his home in Colon, August 13, 1942, aged 94 years. The only veteran of the Civil War in St. Joseph County, of him a neighbor writes: "This community can never have another like "our Comrade"; keen, lovable, alert to the events of the times and active as few are at such an age, we shall miss his familiar figure as almost daily he walked the mile from his home to town". He gave fine service to his Country in Peace as he did in War.

At the time of his passing Comrade West was serving the Department as Sergeant of Department Colors.

WILLIAM R. HOWLAND—Commander of Post No. 32, and only surviving member died at his home in Battle Creek January 14, 1943. Comrade Howland enlisted in Co. L 8th New York Heavy Artillery. His passing disbands Post No. 32.

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REV. ISAAC HODGKINS enlisted in Co. F 59th Mass. Inft. before his 15th birthday, serving 13 months during this service; was wounded in the famous Spotsylvania, Va. Court House battle and taken prisoner. His passing disbands Post No. 205.

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JOHN A. DUNN; Died at the home of his daughter in Clinton, August 14, 1942, age 95. Leaving High School he enlisted in Co. F, 4th Michigan Inft. serving for two years. Comrade Dunn was one of the best known veterans in Lenawee county and a member of the Grand Army many years.

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WILLIAM PARKER; 99, Ionia county's last Civil War veteran died Jan. 25. Comrade Parker was bugler and drummer in the 17th Ohio Inft. enlisting when 17 years of age. He served the Department as Junior Vice Commander in 1938-1939.

They are where the brave encamp  
Round the folded flags of peace,  
Where the true with martial tramp  
Travel, when their battles cease.

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## **"Heritage of the Grand Army of the Republic"**

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