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Rattling Sabres

by
Glen E. Zook

Christmas is upon us and the December Camp #18 meeting will be a Christmas dinner held at Ye Shire Tavern in Richardson. There is a map a bit later in this issue.

For those Camp #18 members who were not at the November meeting, I have composed a narrative of what I presented about Schofield's "end run" that, even though the actual assault on Kennesaw Mountain was a disaster, greatly helped Sherman capture Atlanta. Considering that my allergies had seriously affected my voice, and I definitely was, at times, pretty hard to understand, even those who were at the meeting will probably get a lot more information from the article than what was achieved at the meeting!

It may just be me, but what is now being offered in the national magazines about the Civil War often just doesn't grab my attention. Occasionally, there is an article that is both well written and interesting. However, quite often the articles are poorly written, boring in presentation, or about subjects that just are not interesting. Often, all three of these factors are in play.

I have been studying the Civil War since at least junior high school and that has been, to paraphrase Abraham Lincoln, over three score years. It may be that I have already read about the situation (probably several times) and the information is "old hat". I do have several shelves, in my bookcases, filled with volumes about the war as well as numerous pamphlets, maps, and other information. But, often it is the style of writing that the author employs. There are authors who can present subjects that are very minor and yet, because of their style, are very informative and a pleasure to read. Then, there are those authors who can present subjects that are very important but, because of their actual writing about the subject, it is very difficult to even read all of the article.

Virtually all of the authors are definitely very sincere about trying to be both informative and entertaining. However, there are also those who, no matter how they try, just cannot accomplish the task at hand. A proficient editor can take an article that is technically accurate, but definitely very boring, and turn the manuscript into something that is a pleasure to read as well as being historically correct. It is also required that the editor rewrite the article so as not to antagonize the original author. That is, make the author

feel like he / she wrote a spectacular tome and not realize how much was actually written by the editor.

I certainly do not want to appear as bragging. But, I actually wrote, and sold, as a junior in high school, the very first magazine article that I ever wrote. The article, plus a diagram, occupied 2/3rds of a page in the old small format sized magazine. I was paid \$30.00 for about 15-mintues effort using my father's old Royal portable typewriter. That was early in 1961. Getting that amount of money was like getting a small fortune for a high school junior in that time frame.

In the late 1960s, I was paid, for a single magazine article, enough money that I was able to pay cash for a new Ford station wagon for my wife. She was definitely very happy!

When I was in college, I had an English professor who just did not like my style of writing. The spelling, punctuation, and other technical aspects were fine. He just did not like my choice of words and so forth. The professor kept giving me a "C" grade and I confronted him about my grades.

He admitted that he just did not like my style and then added that, when I was "published", I could write in whatever style I wished. But, until then, "he" was correct!

For the next class session, I brought in several of the magazine articles that had appeared in national magazines. The professor looked at the articles and then admitted that he had never had anything "published". Next, he took out his grade book and changed all of my grades from "C" to "A"! After that, no more problems.

I have never had a full time job as an author, editor, or publisher. But, I have been a contributing editor to national magazines, editor and / or publisher of a number of newsletters as well as national organization magazines, have written, for several years, a 3-times-a-week newspaper column, as well as being an author. Frankly, as a secondary source of income, I have done very well.

I just wish that the national Civil War magazines would get their act together and consistently publish excellent quality articles. Certain publications are definitely better at this at the present time. However, other publications are lacking. It really doesn't require all that much effort to accomplish such, just a serious desire to rise above the crowd.

Until next month . . .

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If the members of the **Colonel E.E. Ellsworth Camp #18** do not want to be inundated with articles that were chosen by the editor (what he wants to see in the newsletter) then they need to start inputting items for inclusion in **The Texas Union Herald**. Tidbits about the Civil War, stories, articles, current news items, photographs, even commentaries are most welcome.

Don't worry if you are not an accomplished author. Get the idea onto paper (computer, etc.) and get it to the editor. He really can edit (rewrite, etc.) and you'll be surprised at just how well you can write!

If you have E-Mail capabilities, you can either include the information in the body of the message or put it in either Word format or ACSII ("txt") format. If, for some

reason, you cannot do either, contact the editor to see if your particular word processor format can be handled.

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Even small (1 or 2 paragraphs) material, or photographs, can be used. That makes editing and publishing the newsletter easier since "fill" material is available for those little areas that seem to happen whenever an article is included in the publication.

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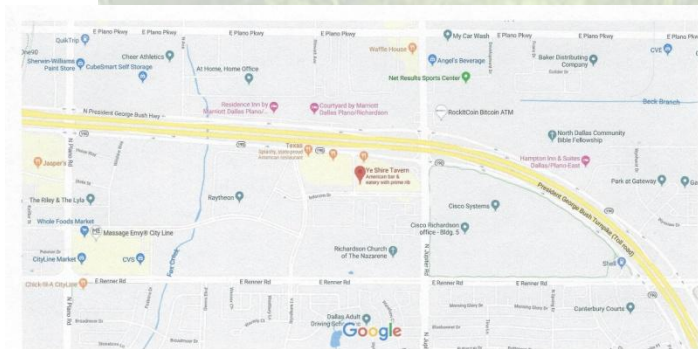
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December Meeting

The December 2019 meeting of the
Colonel E. E. Ellsworth Camp #18
SUCVW
Will be held on
Tuesday 17 December 2019
At the
Ye Shire Tavern
3600 Shire Blvd., Richardson, Texas



Map to Ye Shire

Schofield's "End Run"

by
Glen E. Zook

This narrative is based on my presentation at the November 2019 meeting of SUVCW Camp #18.

But First A Word From The Sponsor!

Private William James Stump, Company I 128th Indiana Volunteer Infantry. Born 18 February 1822 In Hardy County, Virginia (Now West Virginia).

Although his grandfather owned a very large plantation, his father was not near being the first born son and would not be inheriting any large portion of the property. As such, his father, in the late 1820s, moved the family to Pulaski County, Indiana (southeast of Chicago).

Although a farmer, William was in a long line of military men. His grandfather, George Stump, Sr., had been a colonel in the Continental Army and his grandfather had served in the Virginia Militia during the Revolution. However, his grandfather's claim to fame was that he had been Daniel Boone's financier! There are records in the annuals of the Virginia Legislature describing these business dealings.

But, his lineage goes back much farther. One of his great grandfathers had fought on the wrong side during one of the many civil wars in the British Isles and, since he was of "royal" birth, was given the choice of execution or being exiled to the new American Colonies. Such exile was almost a sentence of death! As such, he came to Jamestowne in 1608 as part of the 3rd group of settlers.

Going back even farther, William was also a direct descendant of no less than William the Conqueror!

William James Stump enlisted in Company I 128th Indiana Volunteer Infantry on 1 January 1864 and was trained at Camp Anderson which was located between Michigan City and LaPorte, Indiana. He was "mustered in" on 18 March 1864. The 128th Indiana was eventually attached to Schofield's Army of the Ohio that eventually participated in Sherman's assault on Atlanta.

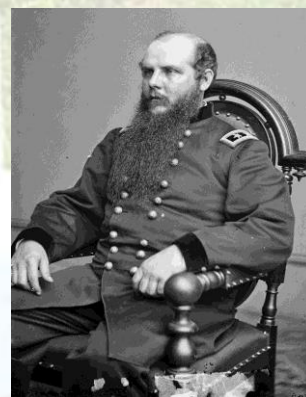
William was wounded sometime during Schofield's flanking around Kennesaw Mountain. He was sent to General Hospital in Chattanooga where he contracted Typhoid Fever and died on 13 July 1864. Had William

stayed with his unit, he would not have caught Typhoid Fever and there would have been a good chance that he would survive the Civil War.



William's replacement tombstone

Before the capture of Atlanta, Schofield might be considered the Rodney Dangerfield of Sherman's Army! His XXIII Corps, "Army of the Ohio", was often under-strength, being comprised of only 2 divisions instead of the normal 3 divisions often during the Atlanta Campaign. In addition, the Army of the Ohio is, from what I could find on the Internet, only is really credited as being involved in only 3 major battles, the Battle of Resaca, Pickett's Mill, and the Battle of Kolb's Farm.



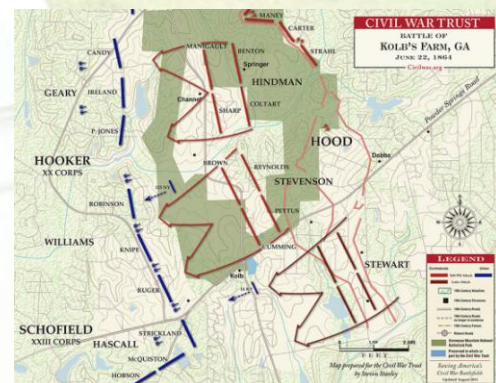
General Schofield



Map of the Battle of Resaca

Sherman attacked the Confederate center with John M. Schofield's Army of the Ohio, and Johnston replied with a counter-attack against the Union left with Maj. Gen. John B. Hood's corps. Neither attack was decisive. On the 15th, Sherman renewed his assault on the Confederate center, including a focused attack on the four guns of Confederate Captain Max Van Den Corput, placed forward of the line in an exposed position astride the Dalton Road. Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. Thomas Sweeny's Sixteenth Corps division of Federal troops crossed the Oostanaula at Lay's Ferry at the south end of the Confederate line, effectively flanking Johnston out of his entrenchments and forcing him to withdraw that evening.

Howard's men found the Rebels entrenched near Pickett's Mill west of Marietta. On the afternoon of May 27th, Howard ordered an assault against the Confederate works. Waiting were 10,000 Confederate troops under the command of Maj. Gen. Patrick Cleburne. The Federal assault began at 5:00 p.m. and continued into the night. Heavy fighting swirled around Benjamin and Malachi Pickett family farm and grist mill on Little Pumpkinvine Creek. Dismounted Confederate cavalry harassed the left flanks of the six attacking Federal brigades. Daybreak found the Confederates still in possession of the field. Arguably the worst Union defeat of the Atlanta Campaign, the Confederate victory resulted in a one-week delay of the Federal advance on Atlanta.

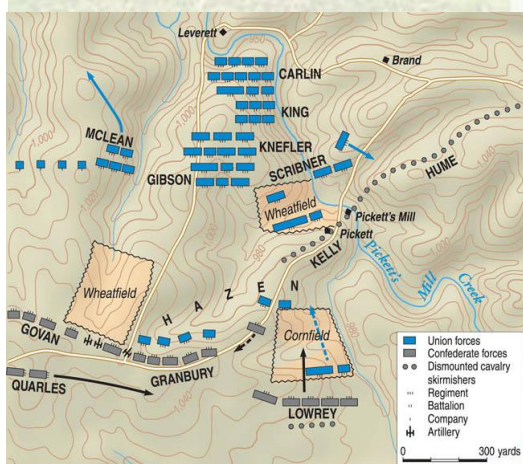


Map of the Battle of Kolb's Farm

Stevenson ordered Brown's Brigade commanded by Colonel Edward Cook of the 32nd Tennessee and supported by Reynold's Brigade commanded by Colonel R. C. Trigg to move southeast from Powder Springs Road towards Kolb's Farm. At the same time, Cumming's Georgia Brigade commanded by Colonel E. P. Watkins of the 56th Georgia. (Cumming's Brigade consisted of four Georgia regiments, the 34th, 36th, 39th, and the 56th), supported by Pettus' Brigade with Colonel C. M. Shelly commanding, moved southeast from the south side of the Powder Springs Road towards Kolb's Farm. (Kulp's Farm in Union Dispatches).

On the 22nd of June, Hood received word that the Union forces were driving back Confederate cavalry and decided to attack. Hood assumed that Sherman's forces would be the strongest on his center and left flank, and that only part of Schofield's corps would be on his right. Without informing Johnston of his plans; without knowing the enemy's strength or position, blinded by eagerness and once again following the school of thought of Lee and Jackson, ordered his troops forward. His plan, it is assumed, was to turn Sherman's weak right flank, and circle behind Sherman, thus having Johnston's other two corps on Sherman's front, and he, with his corps at the rear, trapping Sherman.

Around noon, Stevenson started moving troops down Powder Springs Road, halting at Mount Zion Church. The rain had stopped, the sun came out brightly and



Map of the Battle of Pickett's Mill

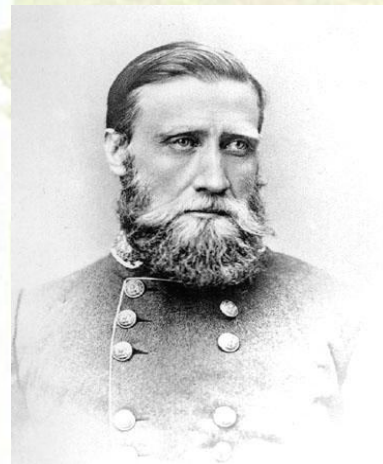
Stevenson, upon the orders from Hood, sent forth his skirmishers. Shortly after 2:30 in the afternoon, these skirmishers came upon two Union regiments advancing. Heavy firing from these skirmishers forced the enemy back. This was reported to Hood who thought that these Union units were the spearhead of an assault. Stevenson had Brown's and Cummings Brigades form a frontal line with Reynold's and Pettus' Brigades behind them. Constructing hastily breast-works of logs and rails, Stevenson's troops waited for the enemy to come upon them. Within a short time, Hood sent word to Stevenson and Hindman to advance and drive the enemy down the road towards Manning's Mill. In launching this attack, Hood did so without conducting any prior reconnaissance and was not aware what exactly was in front of him. In reality, Schofield's Army of the Ohio and Hooker's XXth Corps, and it was not their exposed flank but their entrenched front that lay across his line of advance.

Upon reaching the farm house area they came head to head with two Union regiments, the 14th Kentucky of Hascall's Brigade of Schofield's Army of the Ohio and the 123rd New York of Williams 1st Division of Hooker's XXth Corps. Heavy fighting ensued, both by musketry and Federal cannonading. Cumming's and Pettus' Brigades were repulsed from the massive firepower of the Federals. Hood ordered them to re-form and attack again. They were again repulsed with heavy losses, but he rallied them and ordered them forward yet again, with the same result. The ground that these two brigades had moved over and fought on, was in reality a quagmire of mud from the rain it had received the two previous weeks. Footing was difficult; movement of trains and batteries, a near impossibility in their march to the farmhouse.

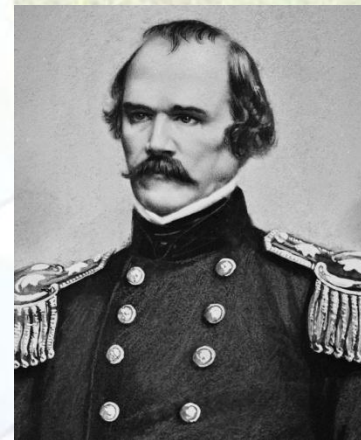
Hood claimed a victory in driving back the Union troops to their reserve line and was on the verge of routing Hooker's whole corps, and was only stopped by darkness and the arrival of Federal reinforcements. The fact is, the Confederate forces only opposed and drove back two Union regiments to their main line. Confederate losses were in excess of 1000 men, with Stevenson's Division alone losing 870 men. The Federals suffered losses of only 350.

During the campaign, Schofield went, on the west flank, as far south as the Powder Springs area before coming around to the east flank and then continuing to Atlanta. Because of the movements of Schofield, Johnston was forced to abandon the Confederate positions before Atlanta. Hood, seizing on the opportunity, complained to Jefferson Davis and got Johnston relieved of command with Hood being placed in command of the Atlanta forces.

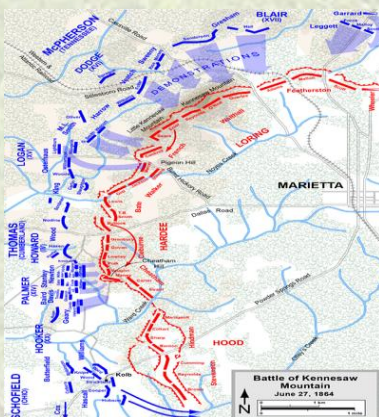
My youngest daughter, Wendy, lived in the Powder Springs area. He backyard bordered a historical site where one of the minor skirmishes in which Schofield's forces were involved. I have always wondered if, by some chance, this was the site where William James Stump was wounded! Of course, the chances of this being the site are slim to none. However, such is always possible.



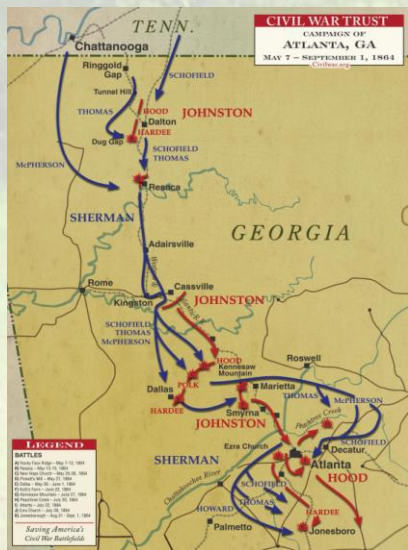
John Bell Hood



Albert Sydney Johnston



Map of the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain



Map of Sherman's Atlanta Campaign

These are all Maine, men?

by
Glenn A. Webber

Great line from a great movie.

After covering some ancestors & kin folk from the mid-west I thought I'd return to the east & honor some family from the great state of Maine.

“The Pine Tree State”

Maine, on March 15, 1820, became our 23rd state. Under the "Missouri Compromise", it allowed Maine, to join the nation as a free state & Missouri, as a slave state. Before then, Maine was a providence of Massachusetts. The North Star represents the state motto: Dirigo, "I direct". Maine entered the nation as a hard core republican and as an anti-slavery state. When the Civil War came, the good state answered the call with 32 Infantry, 2 cavalry, and 8 artillery regiments. Maine also provided supplies, ships, and many civilian volunteers working in support groups and hospitals for our troops. A rounded figure of 79,000 served from Maine. According to Frederick Dyer's, "A Compendium of the War of the Rebellion" 1908. Maine suffered 9,393 deaths: 3184 killed in battle, 5257 from disease, 541 POW's, 118 from accidents, and 298 died from causes other than battle.

Richardson

I have traced my Richardson Family as far back to my 12th G-Grandfather Thomas Richardson, born in December 1503 and dying in 1543 in Hertfordshire, England. Jumping forward to my 9th G-Grandfather, Samuel Richardson, born in December 1604 Hertfordshire, England.

He migrated to America and later died in March 1658, in Woburn, Massachusetts. Fast forward to my 4th G-Grandfather, Joseph Richardson born in 1754 and died in 1796. He married Jersusha Reed, and they had 5 children, Levi, Sally, Samuel, Rhoda, and Ebenezer. Joseph did take time out to serve as a Private in the Massachusetts Line during Revolutionary War. The youngest son, Ebenezer, is my 3rd G-Grandfather. He was born during 1794 in Winslow, Maine, and died in 1864 in Canaan, Maine. during 1814, Ebenezer served in the Massachusetts Militia, in Lt. Col. Moore's Regiment. After the War of 1812, Ebenezer married Sylvia Brockway. Together they farmed and had 7 children until her untimely death in 1834. By 1838, Ebenezer found love again and married Sarah Frost (1812-1898). They have 8 children together giving Ebenezer a grand total of 15 children. Of these children, number 6 to Ebenezer and Sarah, is Alfred Richardson, my 2nd G-Grandfather (1847-1901). However, of all these children only 1 saw service during the Civil War.

Pvt. Eben Richardson
Unassigned Co. 19th Maine Infantry

Eben Richardson, 5th child born to Ebenezer & Sarah. Born 1845 in Canaan, Maine, into the large farming family. Eben worked on the family farm until his enlistment on March 21, 1865, into the 19th Maine Infantry during the Great American Civil War. He enlisted as a Wagoner and served in that roll until mustering out of service in Augusta, Maine May 23, 1865.

He returned home to Canaan, Maine. However, by 1870, he was shown as farm labor in Middlesex, Massachusetts, working on the Charlie Atkinson farm. In 1871 he married Mary Price and in 1872, she gives birth to son Auther. The 1880 census finds Eben working in Worchester, Massachusetts, as a teamster. Then, in 1886, the couple was blessed with a daughter, Crystal Mae. The 1890 census simply lists Eben as a driver in Worchester. He eventually found a job as a foreman. He died of pneumonia, in 1899, at the age of 53. He was laid to rest in the Hope Cemetery, Worchester, . Massachusetts.

19th Maine Volunteer Infantry

It was organized August 25, 1862, at Bath, Maine. Two days later, the regiment left for Washington, D.C., and was attached to the defenses there. In early October, the unit moved to Harpers Ferry, Virginia, where they were attached to the 1st Brigade, 2nd Division, 2nd Army Corps, Army of the Potomac. They would serve with the Army of the Potomac throughout the war. The 19th Maine marched to Falmouth, Virginia, in November and during December 12th through the 15th joined the Battle of Fredericksburg. The 19th saw action in many of the great battles of the east: Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Petersburg, and on to Appomattox. At Gettysburg, the 19th suffered 53% losses. Regimental commander Col. Francis Heath was wounded on July 3 and was replaced by Lt. Col. Henry Whitman. The unit was under the command of 2nd Division Commander.

Brig. Gen. John Gibbons. The overall commander of the 2nd Corps was Major Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock. With the surrender of Lee's Army on April 9, 1865, the regiment eventually made its way to Washington D.C. by May 15. They marched in the Grand Review on May 23, mustered out May 31, and was discharged June 7.



19th Maine Flag

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To Arms! Citizens!
OUR COUNTRY CALLS!!



Come on Sons of Maine!

"OUR BRETHREN ARE ALREADY IN THE FIELD, WHY STAND WE HERE IDLE."

NOW IS THE TIME!

Col. Shepley's Reg. & Gen. Butler's Grand Division.

BEST CHANCE YET OFFERED!

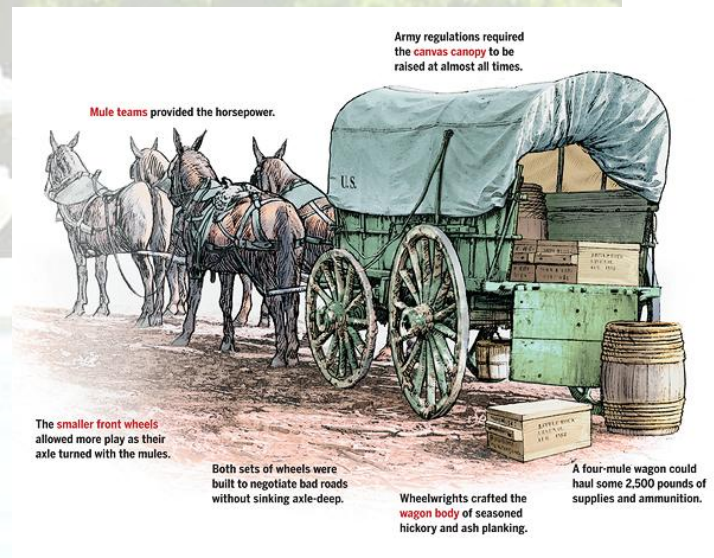
Scarboro' should raise a Company, and all able-bodied men who wish to join, may do so, by applying immediately.

Recruiting Office at

CHAS. C. G. THORNTON, Recruiting Officers.
HORATIO HIGHT,

October 1st, 1861.

Tucker, Printer, 65 & 71 Exchange Street, Portland.



Studebaker Wagon



Union Supply Wagons

November Minutes

Meeting Minutes of Meeting
Heritage Farmstead Museum, Plano, TX

November 19, 2019

Commander Erder called Camp #18 to order at 7:02 PM. In attendance were Brothers Gates, Harper, Johnson, Krueger, D. Rediger, Ridenour, J. Schneider, Swafford and Zook.

Brother Johnson offered an opening invocation.

Commander Erder then led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and The American Creed.

Introduction of Guests and New Members:

Brother Ridenour introduced his son Chase and Brother Ridenour introduced Ora Jane Johnson.

Secretary/Treasurer Report:

Brother Gates reported that there were no minutes from the October meeting.

Brother Gates read the Treasurer's report for October. Brother Ridenour moved that the report be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Brother Krueger and it was carried unanimously.

Patriotic Minute:

Commander Erder recounted some Civil War Ghost stories he had planned to share on Halloween.

SVR/1st US Business:

None

Guest Speaker:

Brother Zook presented a talk on General Schofield at the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain.

Old Business:

There was a general discussion of grave dedications for the Longview Cemetery. Brother Gates moved that the camp install GAR marker at each of the graves since there was no GAR monument and there were only a few graves (three or fewer). Brother Ridenour seconded and the motion was carried unanimously. It was proposed that the dedications should be in March and a status report will be provided by Brother Ridenour at the next meeting.

New Business:

Brother Gates reminded everyone that the camp social would be next month at the Ye Shire Tavern in Richardson.

Commander Erder kicked off the discussion of recruiting. He also suggested that the camp consider some additional volunteer activities such as the VA Volunteer Service Home Program. Brother Gates agreed to forward information to camp members and to get some updated brochures for the Haggard Library and the Civil War Museum in Fort Worth.

Closing Announcements:

There being no further business before the camp, Commander Erder declared the meeting closed at 8:50 PM. The next meeting will be on December 17, 2019. Brother Gates requested volunteers for future camp meeting programs.

Closing Benediction:

Brother Ridenour gave the Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted,
In Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty,

Don Gates, PDC
Secretary/Treasurer

History of the G.A.R.

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CHAPTER XXIX

CENTRAL STATES

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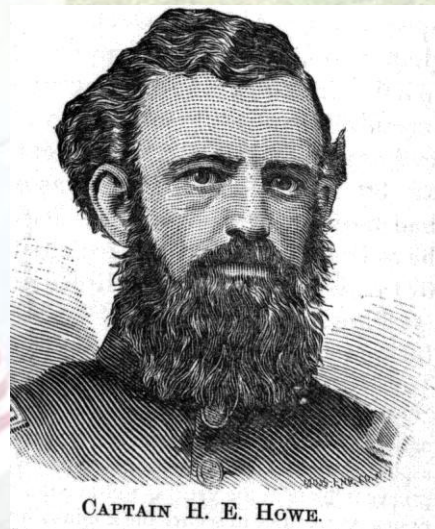
**Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin,
Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Nebraska,
and Dakota**

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

General B.F. Potts, of Carrollton, Ohio, was appointed Provisional Commander of this Department in 1866. The exact date is unknown. General Potts had entered the service September 4, 1861, as Captain Company F, 32d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel, November 21, 1862, and Brigadier-General, January 16, 1865. Was brevetted Major-General, March 13, 1865 and mustered out of the service January 15, 1866.

In 1870 he was appointed Governor of Montana and so served for twelve years. He died in Helena, Montana, June 17, 1887.

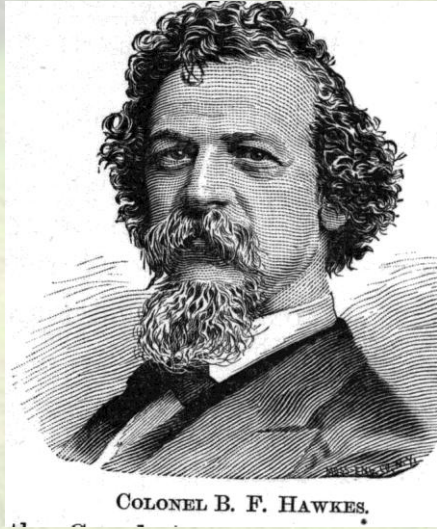
The date of the formation of the first Posts in Ohio cannot be now definitely be determined. In the roster of Posts as re-numbered, published in December 1867, No. 1 was assigned to the Post at Carrollton, and No. 2 at Zanesville.



CAPTAIN H. E. HOWE.

Captain Henry E. Howe, now of Toledo, was by special orders from Headquarters, Department of Illinois,

dated May 9, 1866 detailed muster Posts in the Tenth Congressional District of Ohio, and on the same date detailed to muster a Post in Detroit, Michigan.



Captain Howe was at the time serving as Judge Advocate on the staff of General John Cook, at Springfield, Illinois, and with Lieutenant, afterwards Colonel B.F. Hawkes, of the same staff, took an active interest in the work of Dr. Stephenson, in the formation of the Grand Army. On their muster-out, in September 1866, both of these comrades returned to Ohio and were detailed specially as Aids by General B.F. Potts to muster Posts in that State. Both had appointments on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief, and they at once began a tour of the State and organized several Posts each week, so that when the Convention to form a permanent Department assembled at Columbus, January 30, 1867, General Potts was enabled to report that 135 Posts had been chartered, and he stated that a larger number would have been organized but for the failure of National Headquarters to furnish them the new Rules and Rituals.

This Encampment was largely attended, and among the resolutions adopted by it was the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic is not organized to make nominations for office nor as a mere secret combination to further the ambition of political aspirants, but its purpose is to promote loyalty and to advance by all legitimate and proper influences the general welfare and interests of the soldiers lately in the United States Army, and to secure the attainment of these ends we invite the co-operation and support of all patriotic and liberal minded citizens.

General Thos. L. Young, of Cincinnati, was elected Department Commander. General Young was born December 14, 1832, near Belfast, Ireland. He came to America with his parents, and when not quite sixteen years of age, in the last year of the war with Mexico, enlisted in

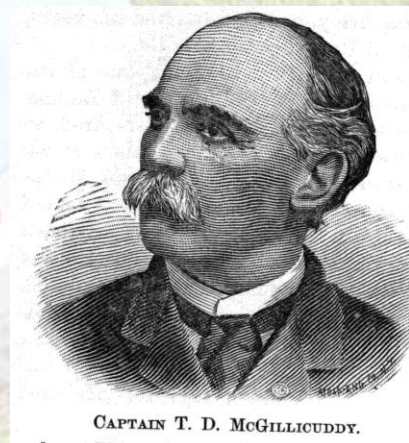
the Regular Army, and there served ten years, five years as Orderly Sergeant 3d United States Artillery.

In 1859 he went to Cincinnati, and at the breaking out of the rebellion was Assistant Superintendent of the Home of Refuge. On March 18, 1861, twenty-five days before the rebels fired on Fort Sumter, he wrote Lieutenant-General Scott offering his services to aid in organizing the volunteer forces. In August 1861 he was appointed Captain of the Fremont Body-Guard, and so served until January 1, 1862. In August 1862, he was commissioned Captain 118th Ohio Volunteers, and afterwards Major. He was promoted to be Lieutenant-Colonel, February 1863 and Colonel April 1864. Was discharged for disability, September 14, 1864. Brevetted Brigadier-General to date March 13, 1865. He took a very active interest in political affairs and held a number of important offices; was Governor of the State 1877-78. He died July 20, 1888.

Under General Young's administration, 106 Posts were chartered and when Districts were abolished all the Posts of the Department were re-numbered.

The second meeting of the Department was held in Cincinnati January 8, 1868, and in resolutions declared, speaking for the Grand Army, "that while we deem it best and wisest to avoid all political action as a body which the actual necessities of our country may not require from us, leaving our members free to act upon their consciences and in view of their responsibility to God and their country, yet we hold it to be the duty of every man, in or out of our Order, who enjoys that high attribute of freedom – the elective franchise, to so exercise it that he may do no wrong to the Republic."

By the close of 1868, the numbers of Posts had been increase to 303, but the causes operating so strongly in the western Departments most seriously affected Ohio, as shown by the subsequent rapid decline in membership. In 1870 but 917 members were reported; in 1873, nineteen Posts and 800 members, and in 1875 there were but eight Posts, with 368 members. Of the Posts organized in 1866, but two remained – Forsyth Post No. 15, Toledo and Trescott Post No. 10, Salem. Of the 106 Posts organized in 1867, Buckley Post No. 12, Akron, alone survived, and of those organized in 1868, only two, Veteran Post No. 5, National Military Home and Bowers Post No. 28, Geneva, answered roll call.



Notwithstanding these discouraging circumstances the Department organization was maintained throughout and all reports were made to National Headquarters.

The falling off in membership beginning in 1868 did not deter the few determined comrades remaining from taking upon themselves the work of securing funds for establishing and for a time maintaining the Soldiers' Orphan Home hereafter referred to.

The records of the Department or the early years are very imperfect and nearly all the data for those years, for this work were collected by Comrade T.D. McGillicuddy, of Akron, who was one of the few who remained in and worked for the organization in that trying period.

Meetings of the Department have been held as follows:

ANNUAL MEETINGS

- I. January 30, 1867, Columbus; II. January 8, 1868, Cincinnati; III. January 13, 1869, Dayton; IV. January 19, 1870, Columbus; V. January 25, 1871, Massillon; VI. January 24, 1872, Akron; VII. January 22, 1873, Dayton; VIII. January 22, 1874, Alliance; IX. January 21, 1875, Akron; X. January 26, 1876, Xenia; XI. January 18, 1877, Salem; XII. January 23, 1878, Geneva; XIII. January 22, 1879, Xenia; XIV. January 20, 1880, Columbus; XV. January 26, 1881, Columbus; XVI. January 18, 1882, Cincinnati; XVII. January 17, 1883, Youngstown; XVIII. January 30, 1884, Zanesville; XIX. January 28, 1885, Akron; XX. April 28, 1886, Cleveland; XXI. April 27, 1887, Springfield; XXII. April 25, 1888, Toledo.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

- July 9, 1869 Sandusky; July 19, 1870, Cleveland; July 19, 1871, Xenia; July 24, 1872, Toledo; July 24, 1873, Put-in-Bay; July 23, 1874, Dayton; August 30, 1876, Toledo; September 8, 1886, Portsmouth; September 7 and 9, 1887, Piqua.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1886, *Provisional*, *B.F. Potts, Carrollton; 1867 * Thomas L. Young, Cincinnati; Died July 20, 1888; 1868-70, J. Warren Keifer, Springfield (Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XI); 1871-2 *William C. Bunts, Post 23, Cleveland; Died January 16, 1874; 1873-74 G.B. Barber, Post 23, Cleveland; 1875 Alvin C. Voris, Post 12, Akron; 1876-77 *Wm. Earnshaw, Post 5, National Military Home; died July 17, 1885 (see Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XVIII); 1878, Nathan L. Guthrie, Post 9, Conneaut; resigned December 13, on account of removal from State; succeeded by Jas. H. Seymour, Post 68 Hudson, Senior Vice Commander; 1879 * Jas B. Steedman, Post 15, Toledo; died October 18, 1883; 1880, D.W. Thomas, Post 12, Akron; 1881, John S. Kountz, Post 15, Toledo (see Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXIII); 1882-83, Chas. T.

Clark, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, Harlan P. Lloyd, Post 13, Cincinnati; 1885, R.B. Brown, Post 81, Zanesville; 1886, Arthur L. Conger, Post 12, Akron; 1887, * Daniel C. Putnam, Post 45, Springfield; died June 18, 1888, after a few days illness, the results of a fall on Memorial Day; 1888, J.W. O'Neal, Post 213, Lebanon.

SENIOR VICE-COPMMANDERS.

1867, * Henry B. Banning, Mount Vernon; 1868, Gustav Tafel, Cincinnati; 1869, Robert M. Moore, Cincinnati; 1870 +* W.C. Bunts; 1871, J.B. Thomas, Post 5, National Military Home; 1872, J.W. Smith, Post 15, Toledo; 1873, E.M. Colver; 1874-77, J.S. Clemmer, Post 10, Salem; 1878 +* J.H. Seymour; 1879, C.F. Lease, Post 10, Salem; 1880, W.T. Buell, Post 8, Kingsville; 1881 S.N. Maxwell, Post 13, Cincinnati; 1882, J.O. McGowan, Post 29, Youngstown; 1883, Nathan Munshower, Post 165, Ironton; 12884 + R.B. Brown; 1885, D.P. Bosworth, Post 178, Marietta; 1886, Chas H. Wentzel, Post 76, Cincinnati; 1887, C.H. Jones, Post 433, Waynesburg; 1888, John W. Chapin, Post 451, Columbus.

* Deceased +To Department Commander

JUNIOR VICE-COMMANERS

1867, James Barnett, Cleveland; 1868, O.S. McClung, Delaware; 1870 Samuel Eaton, Cincinnati; 1871-72 * J.S. Clemmer; 1873 + N.S. Gunckle, Dayton; died May 2, 1873 at Dayton; 1874-75, ++D.W. Thomas; 1876 T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron; 1877, J.B. Petty, Post 28, Geneva; 1878, D.F. Giddinger, Post 5, National Military Home; 1879, D.G. Palmer, Post 28, Geneva; 1880, Samuel McCulloch, Post 11, Austinburg; 1881, E.F. Mason, Post 7, Jefferson; 1882, F.M. Young, Post 20, Weston; 1883, T.E. Hoyt, Post 4, Ashtabula; 1884, F.C. Cully, Post 22, Defiance; 1885, M.J. Sloan, Post 36, Warren; 1886, B.N. Lindsey, Post 166, Stubenville; 1887, J.W. Byron, Post 5, National Military Home; 1888, R.A. Pinn, Post 134, Massillon.

* To Senior Vice Commander + Deceased ++ To Department Commander

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1869, Dr. Kirkpatrick, Hamilton; 1871-72 +G.M. Boyd, Xenia; died February 1, 1873 at San Diego, California; 1874-75, James Armstrong, Post 62, Alliance; 1876-77, J.M. Weaver, Post 5, National Military Home; 1878, S.S. Burrows, Post 28, Geneva; 1879, J.T. Woods, Post 15, Toledo; 1880, D.G. Palmer, Post 28, Geneva; 1881, W.M. Cake, Post 27, Fostoria; 1882-83, J.D. Timmerman, Post 78, Peipsic; 1884, A.C. Matthias, Post 75, Gilboa; 1885, T.M. McClaran, Post 219, Wellington; 1886, P.J. Kline, Post 164, Portsmouth; 1887, G.W. Harmon, Post 77, Lancaster; 1888, F.A. Kitchen, Post 15, Toledo.

+Deceased

CHAPLAINS

1869-75++ Wm. Earnshaw; 1876, Geo. W. Collier, Post 15, Toledo (See Chaplain-in-Chief, Chapter IX); 1877, ++ N.L. Guthrie; 1878, Thomas Powell, Post 28, Geneva; 1879-80 M.D. Townsend, Post 9, Conneaut; 1881, W.H. Gibson, Post 31, Tiffin; 1882-83, A.G. Byers, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, T.C. Warner, Post 65, Elyria (see Chaplain-in-Chief, Chapter XXV); 1885, J.L. Wyly, Post 157, Greenville; 1886-87, Theo. W. Brake, Post 108, Fayette; 1888, T.J. Sheppard, Post 128, Bucyrus.

+ Deceased

++ To Department Commander

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1866, * W.J. Eckley, Carrollton; 1867, B.F. Hawkes, North Fairfield, removed from State in April and was succeeded by Chas W. Karr, Cincinnati; 1868-79, * W.J. Winters, Springfield; 1871-72, E.M. Hessler, Post 23, Cleveland; 1873-74, J.C. Roland, Post 23, Cleveland; 1875, U.L. Marvin, Post 12, Akron; 1876, * G.A. Blocher, Post 5, National Military Home, resigned, succeeded by John D. Gibson, same Post; 1877, Isaac B. Stevens, Post 5, National Military Home (Adjutant-General, Grand Army of the Republic, Chapter XVIII); 1878, M.D. Townsend, Post 9, Conneaut; 1879, H.S. Bunker, Post 15, Toledo; 1880, T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron; 1881, Geo. S. Canfield, Post 15, Toledo; 1882-83 David Lanning, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, C.N. Avery, Post 13, Cincinnati; 1885, H.A. Axline, Post 81, Zanesville, resigned January 1, 1886, to assume duties of Adjutant-General of State of Ohio, H.L. Anderson, Chief Mustering Officer, was appointed Assistant Adjutant-General for the remainder of the term; 1886, E.F. Taggart, Post 12, Akron; 1887, Jas. E. Stewart, Post 45, Springfield; 1888, Josiah Holbrook, Post 213, Lebanon.

- Deceased

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1866, J.R. McLaughlin, Carrollton; 1867, W.C. Hickman, New Lexington; 1868, John S. Kountz, Post 15, Toledo; 1869, A.C. Deuel, Urbana; 1870-71, J.H. Robinson, Springfield; 1872-74 Theo. Voges, Cleveland; 1875, T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron; 1876-77, D.F. Giddinger, Post 5 National Military Home; 1878, A. Durkee, Post 9, Conneaut; 1879, Geo. Sheets, Post 14, East Toledo; 1880, C.F. Lamb, Post 12, Akron; 1881, W.E. Carpenter, Post 22, Defiance; 1882, W.J. Elliot, Post 1, Columbus, resigned February 22 1882, succeeded by Joseph Amos, same Post; 1884, Robert Cullen, Post 200, Cincinnati; 1885, F.C. Dietz, Post 81, Zanesville; 1886, A.P. Baldwin, Post 12, Akron; 1887, Ira W. Wallace, Post 15, Springfield; 1888, Thos. H. Black, Post 213, Lebanon.

- Deceased

INSPECTORS

1868, Geo. W. Collier; 1871-72 *W.J. Winters, Springfield, 1873-74, B.F. Miller, Post 15, Toledo; 1875-76 *Geo. A. Blocher, Post 5, National Military Home; 1877, John D. Gibson, Post 5, National Military Home; 1878-79, W.T. Buell, Post 8, Kingsville; 1880, J.M. Weaver, Post 5, Dayton; 1881, Cecil A. Hall, Post 15, Toledo, resigned May 31, Chas. H. Jones Post 15, Toledo; 1882, S.O. Stockwell, Post 1, Columbus; 1883, John H. Grove, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, Thos. Mason, Post 340, Cincinnati; 1885, Carl N. Bancroft, Post 451 Columbus; 1886, David R. Hunt, Post 438, Elmore; 1887, Chas. E. Howell, Post 23, Dayton; 1888, Geo. W. Wilson, Post 96, Hamilton.

JUDGE-ADVOCATES

1870-71, U.L. Marvin, Post 12, Akron; 1875-78, * S.C. Williamson, Post 12, Akron, died March 27, 1883; 1879, T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron; 1880, H.S. Bunker, Post 15, Toledo; 1881, Geo. W. Williams, Post 13, Cincinnati; 1882-83, + H.P. Lloyd; 1884, D.R. Austin, Post 15, Toledo (see Judge-Advocate-General, Chapter XXIII); 1885, Charles Townsend, Post 89, Athens; 1886, N.D. Tibbals, Post 12, Akron; 1887, Jno. W. Chapin, Post 451, Columbus; 1888 A.M. Warren, Post 13, Cincinnati.

- Deceased

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1875, John D. Gibson, Post 5 National Military Home; 1876, E.T. Curtis, Post 68, Hudson; 1877, T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron; 1878, Jno. D. Gibson, Post 5, National Military Home; 1879, C.A. Hall, Post 15, Toledo; 1880, P.W. Stanhope, Post 13 Cincinnati; 1881, John H. Grove, Post 1, Columbus; 1882-83, J.C. Donaldson, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, Chas. H. Wentzel, Post 76, Cincinnati; 1885, H.A. Anderson, Post 81, Zanesville, appointed Assistant Adjutant-General, January 1, 1886; succeeded as Chief Mustering Officer by H.L. Korte, Post 81, Zanesville; 1886, E.T. Curtis, Post 68, Hudson; 1887, Jno. T. Mitchell, Post 98, Urbana; 1888. Melville Hayes, Post 58, Wilmington.

HISTORIANS

1876, Lewis J. Jones, Post 5, National Military Home; 1877-80, D.G. Palmer, Post 28, Geneva; 1881, Morris Leonshal, Post 15, Toledo; 1882-83 S.S. Peters, Post 1, Columbus; 1884, William Horn, Post 10, Salem; 1885 * J. St. John Clarkson, Post 23, Dayton, died October 22, 1885, H.U. Johnson, Post 4, Ashtabula.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

- 1867- W.R. Warnock, Urbana; M.R. Brailey, Columbia; J.W. Lindsey, Delaware; Dr. W.C. Shockley, Cincinnati; C.F. Manderson, Canton.
- 1868- Frederick Miller, Marietta; J.S. Common, Chillicothe; Ashley Brown, Dayton; T.C. Campbell, Cincinnati; Josiah Given, Wooster.
- 1869- Ashley Brown, re-elected; Joseph L. Smith, National Military Home; P. O'Connell, Dayton; Thos. W. Deferment, Cincinnati; Nathaniel Haughton, Toledo
- 1870- W.E. Parmlee, Toledo; J.S. Clemmer, Salem; ___ Wolcott, Ashtabula; J. Longstreth, Oxford; R. Moore, Cincinnati.
- 1871- J.H. Seymour, Post 68, Hudson; Jno. A. Hivling, Xenia; C.A. Vaughn, Post 28, Geneva; J. Armstrong, Post 62, Alliance; J.W. Allen, Maumee City.
- 1872- J.H. Seymour, re-elected; W.D. Moore, Sylvania; G.A. Blocher, Post 5, National Military Home; H.B. Wolcott, Post 28, Geneva, E.M. Culver, Sandusky
- 1873- J.H. Seymour, re-elected; O. Klemm, Post 15, Toledo; C.L. Russell, Cleveland; E.F. Brown, Post 5 National Military Home; C.A. Vaughn, Post 28, Geneva.
- 1874- J.H. Seymour, E.F. Brown, re-elected; R.B. Crawford, Post 2, Massillon; Jas. P. Woodworth, Post 28, Geneva; T.C. Boone, Post 10, Salem.
- 1875- J.H. Seymour, R.B. Crawford, Re-elected; J.B. Hunt, Post 28, Geneva; C.A. Hall, Post 15, Toledo; G.A. Blocher, Post 5, National Military Home.
- 1876- C.A. Hall, re-elected, E.F. Brown, Post 5 National Military Home; D.W. Thomas, Post 12, Akron; C.F. Lease, Post 10, Salem; J.B. Petty, Post 28, Geneva
- 1877- C.A. Hall, D.W. Thomas re-elected; W.T. Buell, Post 8, Kingsville; D.G. Palmer, Post 28, Geneva; W.G. Bentley, Post 10, Salem.
- 1878- C.A. Hall, D.G. Palmer, re-elected; C.F. Lease, Post 10, Salem; T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 10, Akron; M.D. Townsend, Post 9, Conneaut.
- 1879- Jas. H. Seymour, Post 68, Hudson; W.H. Baldwin, Post 13, Cincinnati; H.F. Sperry, Post 4, Ashtabula; Samuel McCullough, Post 11, Austinburg; J.H. Nease, Post 10, Salem.
- 1880- Jas. H. Seymour, re-elected; Geo. B. Spenser, Post 20, Weston; E.F. Mason, Post 7, Jefferson; Geo. W. Killey, Post 22, Defiance; D.S. Van Pelt, Post 13, Cincinnati.
- 1881- M.J. Enright, Post 15, Toledo; D.R. Austin, Post 15, Toledo; Geo. Scheets, Post 14, east Toledo; E.C. Briggs, Post 1, Columbus; W.O. Beebe, Post 37, Cuyahoga Falls.

- 1882- H.A. Axline, and T.W. Collier, Post 1, Columbus; G. Daniel, Post 21, Mt. Vernon; Roger Alcott, Post 27, Fostoria; S.H. Hurst, Post 162, Chillicothe.
- 1883- H.A. Axline, R. Alcott, S.H. Hurst, re-elected; T.D. McGillicuddy, Post 12, Akron, J.B. Allen, Post 89, Athens.
- 1884- S.H. Hurst, re-elected, D.C. Putnam, Post 45, Springfield; E. Nigh, Post 165, Ironton; T.F. Davis, Post 178, Marietta; G.W. Wilson, Post 96, Hamilton
- 1885- S.H. Hurst, D.C. Putnam, re-elected; Moses H. Neil. Post 1, Columbus; R.H. Cochran, Post 15, Toledo; W.S. Harlan, Post 81, Zanesville.
- 1886- S.H. Hurst, D.C. Putnam, W.S. Harlan, re-elected; J.O. McGowan Post 29, Youngtown; W.E. Haynes, Post 32, Fremont.
- 1887- W.S. Harlan, re-elected; T.S. Penfield, Post 45, Springfield; James Barnett, Post 141, Cleveland; L.H. Williams, Post 1454, Ripley; C.H. Wentzel, Post 76, Cincinnati.
- 1888- James Barnett, L.H. Williams, re-elected; James McMullen, Post 213, Lebanon; P.H. Dowling, Post 15, Toledo; D.M. Barrett, Post 243, Rainsboro.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN HOME AT XENIA

The noble work begun by the Department when its ranks were so greatly depleted was turned over to the State in 1870, the condition being imposed, however, on the Grand Army, that a sufficient amount of land for the purpose should be first donated and the buildings then under way be finished. To this work of raising the money needed, the comrades under General Kiefer's administration zealously applied themselves. The offer of citizens of Greene County of sufficient land for the Home situated one mile south of Xenia was accepted, and, largely through the appeals for help made by Chaplain G.W. Collier, in a tour of the Legislature, and present the buildings in condition for occupancy.

The grounds have been since enlarged from time to time, by purchase, until now there are 267 acres. There are now thirty-six buildings for office, school, chapel, hospital and Home Cottages, and twelve buildings for farm purposes.

In addition to a thorough training in common school branches the Home provides for the technical, industrial and art education of the children, so that on discharge they can fully earn their own livelihood. In 1885, through the instrumentality of the Woman's Relief Corps, a department of Domestic Economy was organized for the instruction principally in cooking and sewing.

Boys were discharged at sixteen and girls at eighteen years of age. All limitation as to the death or cause of death of the father has now been removed and any child whose father served in the army or navy, and is now in destitute circumstances, is entitled to admission. The present capacity is for 700 children, but new buildings

now under way will give a total capacity of 950. Two hundred and fifty children eligible to this Home are now cared for by the State in other institutions, for which an additional sum of \$15,000 was appropriated by Act passed May 15, 1886. The total number of children received from 1839 to 1888 is 3,710.

Each Christmas, the Department and the Woman's Relief Corps unite in making the hearts of the children by appropriate presents.

The total appropriations by the State since 1870 amount to \$2,257,400 – the largest amount having been appropriated for the present year, \$155,000. No official record of expenditures under the Grand Army prior to April 1870 has been preserved.

OHIO SOLDIER'S AND SAILOR'S HOME

In 1885, Department Commander R.B. Brown reported as the result of careful inquiries that 385 soldiers and sailors were in the infirmaries and Almshouses of the State. Of these, 250 had served in Ohio commands during the rebellion, 285 were without families, 28 with families, 27 were insane and 6 were of unsound mind. The average age was 53 1/2 years.

Impressed with the fact that the condition of these veterans could be remedied, the Department Commanded invited a number of comrades to meet at Columbus to take proper action thereon. This resulted in the presentation and early passage of a bill appropriating \$50,000 to commence the construction of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home.

The Board of Trustees organized June 3, 1886, with Isaac Mack, of Erie, President; R.B. Brown, Secretary. The Trustees accepted an offer of a site for the Home, near Sandusky, consisting of ninety acres of land. In addition to this grant of land, water-mains and sewers, gas-mains and electric lines have been extended to the Home without charge, and water-rent for thirteen years was voted at a nominal charge of \$25 per annum.

In 1887 the legislature made an additional appropriation of \$100,000 and later added \$110,000.

The total cost for the buildings under way or projected will be over \$500,000 and the buildings will accommodate 1,500 inmates.

The corner-stone of the Administration building was laid July 11, 1888, and was opened for the reception of inmates November 10, 1888.

STATE AID

In addition to the appropriations for the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and the Soldiers' Orphan Home, the State of Ohio has relieved from taxation all real estate used by Grand Army Posts, or by organized bodies of soldiers as Memorial Halls or places of meeting.

A tax of not exceeding three-tenths of a mill is levied for the support of indigent soldiers and sailors and their families, to be distributed by a Board of three

Commissioners appointed by the Judge of the Court of Common Pleas in each county.

BURIAL OF DECEASED VETERANS

The Legislature, in 1884, passed an Act for the burial of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine of this State who may die without having means for his funeral expenses. The amount to be expended in each case not to exceed \$35.00

MEMORIAL HALL, AKRON

Buckley Post No. 12 Akron, heretofore referred to as the only Post organized in Ohio in 1867 that maintained its organization, received from the Trustees of the Akron Rural Cemetery the gift of a large plat of ground for the burial of Union Veterans.

he Post then erected in the cemetery, at a cost of \$35,000, a handsome Memorial Chapel, which was dedicated on Memorial Day 1876. On memorial tablets are engraved the names of all deceased soldiers and sailors who went into the service from Akron, and of all veterans who have since died in that city.

There are several beautiful cathedral windows, one the gift of relatives in honor of Colonel Lewis Buckley, after whom the Post was named, and others were presented by friends or comrades.

One window contains life-size representations of Washington, Perry, and Lincoln; another represents Woman's Work in the War, donated by the ladies of the Cemetery Association.

TOLEDO SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL BUILDING

The project of erecting a Memorial Hall in Toledo was first agitated in Forsyth Post No. 15. This Post was organized November 19, 1866 and is the senior Post in the Department, having maintained its organization intact from the date of muster.

With co-operation of their most efficient Relief Corps (then Ladies Aid) it was decided to enlist the public more directly in the work by the formation of the Toledo Soldiers' Memorial Association, which was formally organized July 23, 1879.

The city donated a site for the building and almost \$18,000 of unused Bounty funds were transferred to the Memorial Association.

After the building was well under way it was deemed best to transfer the same to the city of Toledo to be completed as a Memorial Building, as first designed, and also for the use of the Ohio National Guard Armory.

It was dedicated May 26, 1887, "In honor of the Union soldiers and sailors of Lucas County, who served in the war of the rebellion. The total cost was \$87,000

On May 26, 1887 a magnificent statue in memory of Major-General James B. Steedman, Past Department Commander was dedicated. The total height of the monument is twenty-six feet. The figure of General

Steedman is of bronze, life-size, and stands on a pedestal of Vermont marble. It cost \$25,000, and was the gift of Mr. Wm. J. Finlay, of Toledo, whom General Steedman had befriended early in life. The same gentleman caused to be erected over the grave of General Steedman in Woodlawn Cemetery, which cost \$3,000.

MEMORIAL BUILDING, ZANESVILLE

Under authority conferred by the Legislature, the Commissioners of Muskingum County have erected in Zanesville a "Soldier and Sailors' Memorial Building," at a cost of \$75,000. The building, a noble structure 95 by 132 feet, three stories in height, with stone front, will be used in part for stored and offices. On the second floor a fine suite of rooms are provided free of rent for the use of the local Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic. One the third floor is the Memorial Hall, having a seating capacity for 3,000 persons. In this, marble tables will be placed bearing the names of the Soldier and Sailor dead of Muskingum County.

A Memorial Building is also to be erected in Columbus.

Provision has been made by a number of enactments of the Legislature authorizing the issue of bonds, if necessary, for the erection of Soldiers' Monuments or Memorial Buildings.

GRAND ARMY BADGE

By an Act of the Legislature passed February 22, 1888, any person who shall willfully wear the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, Union Veterans' Union, Sons of Veterans or Military Order of the Loyal Legion to obtain assistance thereby, unless he is entitled to wear the same, may be punished by a fine not exceeding \$20 or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30th is a legal holiday in Ohio.

PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

By an Act passed April 3, 1888, honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors and marines, of the late rebellion, shall be preferred for appointment and employment in every public department and upon all public works of the State of Ohio. Age, loss of limb or other physical impairment which does not in fact incapacitate, shall not be deemed to disqualify them, provided they possess the other requisite qualifications

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

In July 1866, General Robert S. Foster, of Indianapolis, visited Dr. B.F. Stephenson at Springfield, Illinois, with a view to the introduction of the Grand Army of the Republic in Indiana, and, upon his return, with the assistance of Major Oliver M. Wilson, As Adjutant-General, proceeded to charter Posts, the first being chartered in Indianapolis, with General Daniel Macauley as Commander. This Post was recruited to nearly one thousand members.

A convention to organize a Department was held in Indianapolis, August 20, 1866. General Foster was elected Department Commander. He so served until November 22, when another meeting was held, following the National Convention, which met in that city, November 20. By the latter, General Foster was elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief. (See portrait and biography, Chapter IV). The following were elected officers of the Department: General Nathan Kimball, Indianapolis, Grand Commander; Senior Vice Commander, A.W. Rawlinson; Junior Vice Commander Chas. Case, Fort Wayne; Assistant Adjutant-General, O.M. Wilson; Assistant Quartermaster-General, A.J. Hawhe, New Albany; Surgeon-General, Dr. J.K. Bigelow, Indianapolis; Chaplain, Rev. Irwin. Council of Administration – General Thomas Brady, Muncie; Colonel O.H.P. Bailey, Plymouth; J.K. Powers, Knightstown; Colonel C.J. Dobbs, Indianapolis.

General Kimball assumed command on the same date, and in his first Order said:

The principles that actuate the true soldier can never become the heritage of any but a noble, generous, active and humane people. The Grand Army fitly chooses to recognize only such principles, and, as faithful comrades in the field, let us always endeavor, by our language and actions, to secure and maintain the same pledges of devotion that we then and there made to that "old flag" which is emblematical of all that is good and great in a nation and brave and loyal in man.

I recommend the widest possible diffusion of a knowledge of our organization, until every true and tried soldier who has marched to the music of the Union and worn the blue shall be mustered into the Grand Army of the Republic, and every suffering, disabled soldier, every soldier's widow and orphan, shall be relieved by the sense of justice and liberal generosity, not the charity of the Government.

General Kimball was born in Washington County, Indiana, November 22, 1822, and served in the war with Mexico.

He was commissioned Captain by Governor Morton, April 20, 1861, and one month later was made Colonel 14th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

General Kimball's services were most conspicuous. He was commissioned Brigadier-General, April 15, 1862, for the victory achieved over General "Stonewall" Jackson at Kearnstown, March 23, 1862. He was severely wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., December 14, 1862.

Later, he was taken from service in the field to aid in suppressing the "Knights of the Golden Circle," in Indiana, which resulted in the stamping out of that treasonable organization.

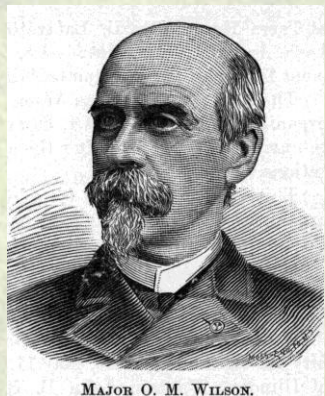


GENERAL NATHAN KIMBALL.

He was brevetted Major-General February 1, 1865, and was mustered out August 25, 1865. Is now (1888) at Ogden, Commander Department of Utah.

The Department Commanders following General Kimball were: 1868, R.S. Foster; 1869, O.M. Wilson; 1870, Lewis Humphrey, Post 17, South Bend.

Major Wilson served as Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department until elected Department Commander in 1869. His work in introducing the Order in the East is related in the account of the Pittsburgh Convention (page 27), in addition he gave material assistance to Adjutant-General Stephenson by the issue of supplies needed by National Headquarters.



MAJOR O. M. WILSON.

The Department of Indiana at one time numbered 300 Posts yet notwithstanding the activity shown in mustering Posts, and the strength thus attained, it made no reports and paid no dues to Headquarters of the Order.

General Joseph Packard was appointed Provisional Commander in 1871, but nothing could then be done in the work of re-organizing, and the Order in Indiana, with the exception of one Post in South Bend, became defunct.

Attempts were made at different times to organize other Posts in the State, but having no Department supervision, they were soon abandoned.

REORGANIZATION

After a lapse of several years, the Department Commander of Illinois, Comrade E.D. Swain, encouraged by comrades who had visited Indiana, and especially by reports made by Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Jos. S. Reynolds, undertook the work of there organizing Posts. The result was the formation of Posts at Terre Haute, Brazil, Lafayette, Covington, Greensburg, Wabash, Annapolis and Greencastle, all being mustered by Department Inspector E.W. Chamberlain, of Illinois.

The Post known as Auten Post No. 8, South Bend was organized in 1866, as Post 1, District of St. Joseph, and on re-numbering of Posts after the abandonment of District organizations, became No. 17.

This Post steadily, and for a long time alone, maintained its organization, elected its officers each term, and never failed, as a Post, to properly observe Memorial Day.

On August 19, 1879, it was attached to the Department of Illinois as Post No. 64, but on the appointment of the Provisional Commander was transferred to Indiana as Post No. 8.

Morton Post No. 1, Terre Haute, had been organized with fifty-six charter-members, May 11, 1879, as Post 51, Department of Illinois. Captain John B. Hager, a prominent citizen and businessman, was chosen Post Commander, and in sixty days the Post recruited to 300 members.

On August 11, Comrade Hager was appointed Provisional Commander, Jay Cummings, Assistant Adjutant-General. On October 3, a permanent Department was formed with Comrade Hager as Department Commander. At the outbreak of the rebellion he had enlisted in the 14th Infantry, United States Army, and served through the war with that regiment, or on important assignments. He was Provost Marshal in Richmond upon the occupation of that city. He died suddenly, August 28, 1885, while on a visit to Branford, Connecticut.

Early in 1883, and again in 1884, portions of the State suffered heavily by floods, and many comrades were in distress. The Department officers appealed for assistance to the comrades in the more fortunate sections of that State, and the responses were prompt and generous.

Assistance tendered by National Headquarters, but the offer was declined, as Department officers felt that they could fully rely on their own members for all the help required.

Meetings of the Department, since the reorganization, have been held as follows:

October 3, 1879, Terre Haute; II. January 29, 1880, Greencastle; III. April 13, 1881, Terre Haute; and since at Indianapolis – IV. February 22, 1882; V. _____, 1883; VI. February 22, 1884; VII. February 25, 1885; VIII. February 17, 1886; IX. February 16, 1887; X. February 22, 1888.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1879, *Provisional*, John B. Hager, Post 1, Terre Haute; Permanent Department, October 3, 1879, John B. Hager; 1880, S.E. Armstrong, Post 2, Brazil; 1881, W.W. Dudley, Post 17, Indianapolis; 1882-83, James R. Carnahan, Post 3, Lafayette (See Inspector-General, Chapter XIX); 1884, Edwin Nicar, Post 8, South Bend; 1885, David N. Foster, Post 40, Fort Wayne; 1886, Thomas W. Bennett, Post 55, Richmond; 1887, Ira J. Chase, Post 164, Danville; 1888, Argus D. Vanosdol, Post 26, Madison (See Inspector-General, Chapter XXIV).

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1879-80, J.R. Carnahan; 1881, J.S. Wooden, Post 5, Greensburg; 1882-83, Edwin Nicar; 1884, Jos. P. Iliff, Post 55, Richmond; 1885, G.W. Miller, Post 1, Terre Haute; 1886, Andrew J. Fite, Post 191, New Albany; 1887, W.F. Daly, Post 56, Peru; 1888, Shelby Sexton, Post 199, North Manchester.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1879, Ed. C. Snyder, Post 7, Crawfordsville; 1880, J.F. Fee, Post 5, Greensburg; 1881, H.L. Miller, Post 27, Evansville; 1882, A.C. Rosecranz, Post 27, Evansville; 1883, Paul Hendricks, Post 26, Madison; 1884, Nathan C. Welsh, Post 114, Warsaw; 1885, Joseph, A. Young, Post 119, Middletown; 1886, W.F. Daley; 1887, C.C. Briant, Post 98, Versailles; 1888, I.B. McDonald, Post 181, Columbia City

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1879-80, J.C. Thompson, Post 1, Terre Haute; 1881, Geo. F. Beasley, Post 3, Lafayette; 1882, William Scott, Post 30, Kokomo; 1883, James L. Gregg, Post 40, Fort Wayne; 1884, R.A. Williamson, Post 42, Lebanon; 1885-88, A.R. Tucker, Post 207, Cicero.

CHAPLAINS

1879, B.F. Cravens, Post 5, Greensburg; 1880-82, T.W. Harris, Post 4, Covington; 1883, John M. Whitehead; 1884, R.E. Hawley, Post 72, Washington; 1885, Alexander Blackburn, Post 3, Lafayette; 1886, Ira J. Chase; 1887, A.W. Lampert, Post 17, Indianapolis; 1888, Ira J. Chase, Post 164, Danville.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1879, Jay Cummings, Post 1, Terre Haute; 1880, Daniel Macauley, Post 17, Indianapolis; 1881-84, Ben D. House, Post 17, Indianapolis; 1885, Robert Stratton, Post 40, Fort Wayne, resigned June 27, on removal to Minnesota; succeeded by Tom Sullivan, Post 40, Fort Wayne; 1886, Ben D. House; died July 4, 1887, of illness

superinduced by a wound in the throat received at Ball's Bluff; 1887-88, I.N. Walker, Post 17, Indianapolis.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1879, Harmon S. Miller, Post 1, Terre Haute; 1881, S.E. Armstrong, Post 2, Brazil; 1882-83, Garrett H. Shover, Post 17, Indianapolis; 1884, Jasper E/ Lewis, Post 8, South Bend; 1885, Frank E. Benjamin, Post 209, Indianapolis; 1886-88, Courtland E. Whitsit, Post 26, Madison

INSPECTORS

1879-82, W.H. Armstrong, Post 1, Terre Haute; 1883, J.L. Wooden, Post 5, Greensburg; 1884, Robert Stratton, Post 40, Fort Wayne; 1885, Jasper E. Lewis, Post 8, South Bend; 1886, Joseph P. Iliff, Post 55, Richmond; 1887, James F. Fee, Post 11, Greencastle; 1888, Andrew Fite, Post 191, New Albany.

JUDGE ADVOCATE

1879-86, Thomas Hanna, Post 11, Greencastle; 1887-88, B.F. Williams, Post 6, Wabash.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1879-80, S.E. Armstrong; 1881, J.R. Carnahan; 1882, J.B. Shaw, Post 3, Lafayette; 1883, Allan H. Dougall, Post 40, Fort Wayne; 1884, C.E. Whitsit, Post 26, Madison; 1885, David S. Wilson, Post 27, Evansville; 1886, Gil. R. Stormont, Post 28, Princeton; 1887, Joseph P. Iliff, Post 55, Richmond; 1888, T.M. Little, Post 126, Connersville.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1879 – Edwin Nicar, Post 8, South Bend; W.W. Casto, Post 12, Annapolis; J.W. Harris, Post 4, Covington; S.E. Armstrong, Post 2, Brazil; H.L. Miller, Post 1, Terre Haute.

1880 – W.W. Casto, re-elected; E.C. Snyder, Post 7, Crawfordville; Chas. T. Clement, Post 3, Lafayette; J.T. Johnston, Post 9, Rockville, J.L. Wooden, Post 5, Greensburg.

1881- J.T. Johnston, re-elected; D. Agnew, Post 16, Vincennes; Geo. Pfeiffer, Post 8, South Bend; Jno. M. White, Post 15, Petersburg; G.J. Langdale, Post 11, Greencastle.

1882 – J.A. Gurley, Post 10, Annapolis; Abram Seebren, Post 15, Petersburg; Geo. F. McGinnis, Post 17, Indianapolis; C.N. Scott, Post 32, Boswell; Wm. A. Quigley, Post 26, Madison.

1883 – A.D. Lynch, Post 17, Indianapolis; J.M. Story, Post 127, Franklin; W.D. McCullough, Post 2, Brazil; Harry Dean, Post 90, Goshen; J.M. Watts, Delphi.

1884 – C.A. Zollinger, Post 40, Fort Wayne; W.H. Armstrong, Post 1, Terre Haute; A.D. Vanosdol, Post 26, Madison; W.D. Lewis, Post 16, Vincennes.

1885 – John N. Runyan, Post 114, Warsaw; D.C. McCollum, Post 147, Laporte; J.A. Closser, Post 17, Indianapolis; J.O. Pedigo, Post 42, Lebanon; Stephen Metcalf, Post 41, Anderson.

1886 – John N. Runyan, re-elected; I.N. Walker, Post 17, Indianapolis; J.F. Lee, Post 11, Greencastle; Allen H. Dougall, Post 271, Fort Wayne, Wm. E. Brown, Post 106, Valparaiso.

1887 – Thos. Bridges, Post 6, Wabash; J.E. Walton, Post 371, Koleon; J.H. Hoffman, Post 125, Ligonier; John L. McMaster, Post 17, Indianapolis; John M. Bloss, Post 78, Muncie.

1888 – W.M. Cochran, Post 369, Indianapolis; D.H.H. Shewmaker, Post 78, Muncie; Henry C. Tinney, Post 3, Lafayette; Nicholas Ensley, Post 67, Auburn; N.N. Boydston, Post 442, North Providence.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS' MONUMENT

At the close of the war a movement was inaugurated for the purpose of erecting a State Soldiers' Monument, but after a very few years the matter was abandoned.

During Comrade Carnahan's first term as Department Commander, he presented the matter to the Department, and a committee was appointed to devise ways and means to secure the erection of the monument. Upon Comrade Carnahan's re-election as Department Commander, he redoubled his efforts for the monument, and the public press took the matter up and urged its erection.

Subscriptions were started and the work began to assume a tangible shape. At the Department Encampment, February 22, 1884, articles of incorporation were adopted, which provided for a "Monument Committee of five to be appointed by the Department Commander."

The Committee consisted of Jas. R. Carnahan, G.J. Langsdale, Geo. W. Johnston, T.W. Bennett and D.B. McCollum. Subsequently Comrades W.H. Elliott, Jas. T. Layman, Jno. L. McMaster, C.A. Zollinger and Benj. F. Havens were added to it.

The committee labored earnestly in the interest of the monument. The State was canvassed, and the attention of the political parties invoked until the State Conventions of all parties endorsed it, which resulted in the appropriation of \$200,000 by the Legislature.

This result was due entirely to the efforts of the Grand Army of the Republic, heartily seconded, as stated, by the press and the citizens of the State generally.

The design of Bruno Schmitz, of Berlin, was adopted. The monument will stand in Monument Circle, Indianapolis, and will be 265 feet high.

The statue of victory which surmounts it is twenty-five feet in height, with an arm the measures ten feet from wrist to shoulder.

At the four corners, a short distance from the base, are four sub-pedestals, about thirty feet in height, bearing groups of statuary symbolizing the four branches of service – Infantry, Cavalry, Artillery and Navy. From the east and west sides of the monument, at the base, will gush forth fountains of water into reservoirs seventy feet in width. The steps (ten in number) leading up to the base of the structure will be seventy feet wide. A winding stairway will reach the entire length of the structure, and an elevator will ascend to a height of two hundred and thirty feet, at which point will be battlements and a place for observations. The diameter of the monument at the base, including steps and terraces, will be one hundred and ninety-two feet. The foundation proper will be eighty feet in diameter at the base and the shaft proper sixty-four feet in diameter. It converges gradually, until, at a distance of seventy feet from the base, the diameter is forty-four feet, and then on until the statue of victory is reached with a footstool ten feet in diameter. The statue will bear in an uplifted hand an electric light. A short distance beneath its base, with a background of bronze, and on the four faces of the monument, will be the figures 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864 – made clearly discernible at night by means of the light. Nearly mid-way down is an astragal in bronze, symbolizing "Mercy." Further down are to be two bronze badges – one on the south side, of the Grand Army of the Republic, and the other, on the north side, of the Woman's Relief Corps. Uniting the two is a wreath, exhibiting weapons of war, which are to be made of iron. Just above the base, on the west side, is a group of statuary representing a battle, and on the east side another group representing Victory. All these figures will be made of stone. On the south and north sides, parallel with the above groups, will be large tablets bearing the inscriptions of the counties which have made appropriation for the monument, and also of the regiments and batteries that have contributed. Quite a number of counties and regiments have contributed one hundred (\$100) dollars which for that purpose, and it is expected that all counties will do so before the monument is completed. The inscription, "To Indiana's Silent Victors by a Grateful State," is to be carved on the south face of the monument. The total cost will exceed \$250,000.



SOLDIERS' MONUMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

In Chapter IV, it is stated that the Department Commander of Illinois, in 1869, reported to National Headquarters the existence of about 330 Posts.

Two years later the Adjutant-General, in his report to the National Encampment, stated that he had visited Illinois for the purpose of ascertaining the condition of that Department, and the causes for the existing demoralization. He was informed that some twenty-five Posts were in working order, but it now seems certain that but one Post, of all the large number chartered in Illinois, then survived.

This was Nevius Post, now No. 1, at Rockford, which was chartered October 3, 1866, as Post 124, and had steadily maintained its organization, a fact highly creditable to its members under all the circumstances.

One of their number, Guy T. Gould, in 1870 removed to Chicago, and there endeavored to revive an interest in the Grand Army, with such success that, in June, Ransom Post was organized with Captain John Stephens as Post Commander, Guy T. Gould, Adjutant.

Members of the Rockford Post attended the ceremonies of muster-in, and thus practically aided in the reorganization of the Department.

Ransom Post was slowly but steadily increasing its members and influence when the great conflagration of October 9, 1871, swept away the places of business or the homes of nearly all its members. The news of the great disaster had been made known when from all sections of the country, and from aboard, money, food, and clothing began to pour in to relieve in part the misfortunes of the people of Chicago, and the few members of the Grand Army there also found that they were specially remembered by their comrades.

On October 13, Abner Coleman, Commander of Post No. 3, Tauton, Massachusetts, telegraphed "One Hundred Dollars sent to the relief of our suffering comrades, and more to follow." Other Posts promptly telegraphed contributions in response to a request from National Headquarters and the moneys so received were carefully disbursed by the committee of the Post in the manner intended by the donors.

In 1872 four Posts were reported in working order in the Department but notwithstanding the earnest efforts of the Department officers the membership increased very slowly. It seemed to be almost impossible to restore confidence among the veterans of the State, and only by persistent work was the general distrust removed.

In 1872 dues were paid on 246 members, in 1873 on 512, and in 1874 on 682. After 1877, the gain in membership was quite rapid, as will be seen from the tables elsewhere presented.

In 1878-79, the Department enlarged its work by chartering eight Posts in Indiana and other there were under way when the Provisional Department of Indiana was formed, to which these Posts, with 762 members, were transferred. Post No. 1, Little Rock, Arkansas, was attached to the Department of Illinois in 1878, and Warner Post at Louisville, Kentucky, in 1879.

There is no record of meetings of the Department for the years 1867-70, inclusive, and the partial list of officers for those years here given, was obtained from references made to the Department in reports of the National officers.

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

1866, Convention, July 12, Springfield; February, 1872, Springfield; January 22, 1873, Chicago; January 27, 1874, Rockford; January 20, 1875, Joliet; January 20, 1876, Sycamore; January 18, 1877, Ottawa; January 17, 1878, Springfield; January 29, 1879, Galesburg; January 28, 1880, Chicago; January 26, 1881, Peoria; January 26, 1882, Rockford; January 31, 1883, Danville; January 31, 1884, Decatur; February 18, 1885, Peoria; February 17, 1886, Springfield; February 16, 1887, Rock Island; February 15, 1888, Springfield.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1866, *Provisional*, B.F. Stephenson; July 12, John M. Palmer; 1867-68, John M. Palmer, Springfield; 1869-70, Thomas O. Osborn; 1871, C.E. Lippincott, Post 30, Springfield; 1872, Hubert Dilger, Post 30, Springfield; 1873, Guy T. Gould, Post 5, Chicago (See Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XIII); 1874-76, H. Hillard, Post 30, Springfield; died January 8, 1886; 1877, J.S. Reynolds, Post 5, Chicago (See Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XIV); 1878, T.B. Coulter, Post 20, Aurora; 1879-80, Edgar D. Swain, Post 5, Chicago (See Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XIX); 1881, J.W. Burst, Post 12, Sycamore (See Inspector-General, Chapter XXI); 1882, Thos. G. Lawler, Post 1, Rockford; 1883, S.A. Harper, Post 53, Elmwood; 1884, L.T. Dickason, Post 77, Danville; 1885, W.W. Berry, Post 96, Quincy; 1886, Philip Sidney Post, Post 45, Galesburg; 1887, A.C. Sweetser, Post 146, Bloomington; 1888, Jas. A. Sexton, Post 28, Chicago.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1866, John Cook, Springfield; 1871, R.M. Hough, Chicago; 1872, Guy T. Gould; 1873, J.J. Palmer, Post 1, Rockford; died 1878; 1874-76, T.G. Lawler; 1877, T.B. Coulter; 1878, E.D. Swain; 1879, C.W. Pavey, Post 42, Mt. Vernon; 1880, J.W. Burst; 1881, Thomas G. Lawler; 1882, R.M. Campbell, Post 67, Peoria; 1883, I.S. Taylor, Post 55, Centralia; 1884, Harrison Black, Post 119, Marshall; 1885, A.D. Reade, Post 48, Batavia; 1886, Thos. G. Fullerton, Post 156, Ottawa; 1887, W.L. Distin, Post 96, Quincy; 1888, R.P. Lytle, Post 141, Decatur.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1871, Horace Chapin, Jacksonville; 1873, George N. Carey, Post 3, Plainfield; 1874, William A. Lord; 1875, W.H. Cain; 1876, L.W. Jansson; 1877, A.M. Trimble, Post 21, Ottawa; 1878, C.W. Pavey; 1879, L.S. Lambert, Post

45, Galesburg; 1880, Geo. Puterbaugh, Post 67, Peoria; 1881, Samuel A. Harper, Post 53, Elmwood; 1882, J.L. Richardson, Post 45, Galesburg; 1883, L.T. Dickason, Post 77, Danville; 1884, Wm. Jackson, Post 37, Elmira; 1885, P.W. Wykoff, Post 94, Henry; 1886, Enos Bond, Post 50, Chicago; 1887, Wm. Avery, Post 108, Woodstock; 1888, F.M. Pickett, Post 454, Harrisburg.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1871, J.W. Routh, Post 1, Decatur; 1873, E.L. Higgins, Post 30, Springfield; 1874, J.E. De Wolf, Englewood; 1875-78, L.C. Mitchell, Post 6, Joliet; 1879, M.M. Robbins; 1880-82, Jos. S. Lane, Post 7, Chicago; 1883-84, L.S. Lambert, Post 45, Galesburg; 1885-86, A.T. Barnes, Post 146, Bloomington; 1887, Joseph McKee, Post 243, Rock Island; 1888, W.D. Craig, Post 262, Aledo.

CHAPLAINS

1871, D.C. Carnahan, Springfield; 1873, H.M. Rawson, Post 99, Mason; 1874-76, C.E. Beach, Chicago; 1877-78, Samuel Paine, Post 20, Aurora; 1879-83, Samuel Fallows, Post 28, Chicago; 1884-86, E.D. Wilkin, Post 77, Danville; 1887, Lewis Curts, Post 12, Sycamore; 1888, W.C. Magner, Post 329, Morris

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1866, Robt. M. Woods (now Joliet); 1867, Daniel Grass, Springfield; 1871, H. Dilger, Post 30, Springfield; 1872, Geo. S. Dana, Post 30, Springfield; 1873, H. Hillard, Post 5, Chicago; 1874, Paul Van Der Voort (See Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXI); 1875-76, J.E. Vreeland, Chicago; 1877, Henry D. Field, Post 5, Chicago; 1878, L.C. Porter, Post 20, Aurora; 1879-80, C.R.E. Koch, Post 7, Chicago; 1881-85, J.L. Bennett, Post 28, Chicago; 1886, H.P. Thompson, Post 5, Chicago; 1887, Edwin Harlan, Post 119, Marshall, 1888, A.D. Reade, Post 48, Batavia.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1866, John M. Snyder, Springfield; 1871-72, E.L. Higgins, Post 30, Springfield; 1873-76, J.C. Harrington, Chicago; 1877, S. Aug. Chappell, Post 28, Chicago; 1878-80, W.H. Watson, Post 20, Aurora; 1881, Rowley Page, Post 45, Galesburg; 1882, T.W. Cole, Post 1, Rockford; 1883, J.L. Richardson, Post 45, Galesburg; 1884-88, Thomas W. Scott, Post 244, Fairfield.

INSPECTORS

1871, John M. Snyder, Springfield; 1873, E.J. Rook, Chicago; 1874, P. Flinn; 1877, T.G. Lawler, Post 1, Rockford; 1878, C.R.E. Koch, Post 7, Chicago; 1879-80, H.C. Cooke, Post 5, Chicago; 1881, A.B. Russ, Post 7, Chicago; 1882, J.H. Collier, Post 70, Gibson City; 1883,

James E. Jewett, Post 117, Pekin; 1884, William Venable, Post 103, Macomb; 1885, George A. Wilson, Post 67, Peoria; 1886-87, A.D. Reade, Post 48, Batavia; 1888, Fred. W. Spink, Post 40, Chicago.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1873, Hubert Dilger, Post 30, Springfield; 1874, E.S. Weedon, Post 1, Chicago; 1877, E.S. Weedon, Post 1, Chicago; 1878, E.J. Harkness, Post 28, Chicago; 1879-82, H.H. Thomas, Post 5, Chicago; 1883, T.A. Boyd, Post 121, Lewiston; 1884, R.F. Crawford, Post 1, Rockford; 1885-88, James A. Connolly, Post 271, Charleston.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1874, John Stephens, Chicago; 1877, Warren S. Noble, Post 17, Wilmington; 1878, L.S. Lambert, Post 45, Galesburg; 1879-80, E.W. Chamberlain, Post 28, Chicago; 1881, H.P. Thompson, Post 5, Chicago; 1882, L.S. Hudson, Post 40, Chicago; 1883, P.W. Wilcox, Post 135, Mendota; 1884-85, John C. Bell, Post 30, Springfield; 1886-87, John G. Mack, Post 30, Springfield; 1888, Aaron F. Wolcott, Post 28, Chicago.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1871 – R.M. Hough, Chicago; E.B. Harlan, Springfield; Richard Rowett, Carlinville; H. Chapin, Chicago.

1872 – T.G. Lawler, Rockford; A.H. Wiant, Turner Junction.

1873 – F.M. Bradshaw, Chicago; E.L. Higgins, Springfield; T.G. Lawler, Rockford; M. Burns, Plainfield; A.H. Wiant, Turner Junction

1874 – A.H. Wiant, re-elected; H.B. Scott, Post 7, Chicago; G.N. Carey, Post 3, Plainfield; Jas. Stewart, Post 1, Rockford, P. Flynn, Post 2.

1875 – J.W. Burst, Post 12, Sycamore; J.S. Phelps, Chicago; Robt. Walsh; B.F. Harner, J. Dennison.

1876 – J.W. Burst, re-elected; J.W.R. Stambaugh, Sterling; E.W. Willard, Chicago; Ira. A. Church, Watseka.

1877 – J.W. Burst, re-elected; G.N. Carey, Post 3, Plainfield; C.W. Pavey, Post 42, Mt. Vernon; E.D. Swain, Post 5, Chicago; S.L. Swinnery, Post 30, Springfield.

1878 – J.W. Burst, S.L. Swinnery, re-elected; T.G. Lawler, Post 1, Rockford; H.H. Thomas, Post 5, Chicago; E.A. Sherburne, Post 28, Chicago.

1879 – J.W. Burst, T.G. Lawler, re-elected; J.F. Torrence, Post 28, Chicago; J.N. Reece, Post 30, Springfield; J. Vosburg, Post 20, Aurora.

1880 – T.G. Lawler, re-elected; Rowley Page, Post 45, Galesburg; J.H. Collier, Post 70, Gibson City; J.B. Chase, Post 20, Aurora; J.T. McMasters, Post 48, Batavia.

1881 – J.H. Collier, J.B. Chase, re-elected; Arthur Erbe, Post 9, Chicago; S. Montooth, Post 37, Elmira; J.H. Richardson, Post 45, Galesburg.

1882 – I.S. Taylor, Post 55, Centralia; D.D. Parry, Post 81, Kirkwood; A.A. Singer, Post 9, Chicago; F.O. White, Post 20, Aurora; M. Hulett, Post 50, Chicago.

1883 – Enos Bond, Post 50, Chicago; M.C. Mills, Post 171, Robinson; L.C. Welsh, Post 28, Chicago; Emmanuel Stover, Post 85, Lanark; W.H. Chenoweth, Post 5, Chicago.

1884 – Enos Bond, W.H. Chenoweth, re-elected; C.A. Carmichael, Post 81, Kirkwood; Richard Rowett, Post 96, Quincy; Philip Sidney Post, Post 50, Chicago.

1885 – John C. Yates, Post 67, Peoria; A.R. Mock, Post 436, Cambridge; Alfred Wilson, Post 109, South Chicago; J.W. Goudy, Post 393, Arcola; Thos. C. Fullerton, Post 156, Ottawa.

1886 – J.W. Goudy, re-elected; C.R.E. Koch, Post 5, Chicago; Wm. H. Derthick, Post 164, Belvidere; A. Cantwell, Post 171, Robinson; F.M. Pickett, Post 454, Harrisburg.

1887 – C.R.E. Koch, re-elected, J.F. Harrell, Post 20, Aurora; E.D. Steen, Post 77, Danville; Wm. Clendenin, Post 312, Moline; E.R. Roberts, Post 450, Springfield.

1888 – Wm. Clendenin, re-elected; N.B. Thistlewood, Post 349, Cairo; J.F. Harral, Post 20, Aurora; O.F. Avery, Post 105, Pontiac; O.C. Town, Post 1, Rockford.

MUSTER OF GENERAL SHERIDAN

General Philip H. Sheridan was mustered as a member of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 5, Chicago, October 23, 1879. Dept. Commander E.D. Swain conducted the ceremonies and Chief Mustering Officer E.W. Chamberlain made the badge presentation.

This badge was always worn thereafter by General Sheridan when in uniform and on public occasions, and is shown on all of his latest portraits.

General Sheridan died at Nonquitt, Massachusetts, August 5, 1888. As his family desired that the funeral should be strictly a military one, the Grand Army of the Republic has no opportunity of showing the great love and respect of its members for their illustrious comrade.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30th was made a legal holiday in Illinois by Act of the Legislature approved May 30, 1881.

THE SOLDIERS' HOME AT QUNICY

At the Department encampment in 1884, a Committee consisting of Past Department Commanders H. Hillard, E.D. Swain, J. W. Burst and T.G. Lawler was appointed to obtain statistics as to the number of dependent soldiers in the State; to memorialize the Legislature on the necessity of at once providing a Home for the comfort of these veterans, and to prepare a bill for the consideration of the Legislature covering the objects to be accomplished in

order that a Home could be provided for a limited number of veterans at the earliest date.

The committee was successful in obtaining from the Legislature an appropriation of \$200,000 for the construction of the buildings. Immediately on the bill becoming a law, the Governor appointed a committee on location who selected a site at Quincy, beautifully located, and containing about one hundred and forty acres of excellent land. The Governor then appointed a Board of Trustees, consisting of General Daniel Dustin, Sycamore, Illinois; Colonel L.T. Dickason, Danville, Illinois, and Major J.G. Rowland, Quincy, Illinois, who organized by selecting General Dustin President, and Major Rowland, Secretary. The work of construction was begun in time to complete enough cottages to accommodate all veterans who were in the charitable institutions of the State before the severe cold of the late fall came upon them.

The Legislature of 1886 and 1887 made an appropriation of \$406,000 for additional cottages and maintenance until 1889, making the total appropriations for buildings \$337,000; maintenance, 1887, \$45,000; 1888, \$100,000; 1889, \$124,500; total, \$606,500.

The number of inmates present, August 16, 1888 was 562. The cottages now under way will afford accommodations for 750 men.

The officers of the Home, 1888, are: J.G. Rowland, Superintendent; S.B. Sherer, Adjutant; B.H. Carnahan, Quartermaster; Dr. R.W. McMahon, Surgeon; Jas. D. Morgan, Treasurer.

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN

Brevet Brigadier-General William Humphrey, Colonel 2d Michigan Volunteer Infantry, was appointed Provisional Commander, Department of Michigan, October 1, 1867. He, with Comrade J.H. Fee, represented the Department at the Cincinnati Encampment, 1869.

In 1871 the Adjutant-General reported that the Department of Michigan was in excellent condition, all reports and dues having been promptly made.

No records, however, have been preserved of the early organization, and the only roster of officers published in the Journals of the National Encampment was for the year 1871; Department Commander, William Humphrey, Lansing; Senior Vice Commander, J.C. Dickerson, Hillsdale; Junior Vice Commander, O.L. Spaulding, St. Johns; Medical Director, Dr. S.S. French, Battle Creek; Chaplain, Rev. C. Van Dorn, Corunna; Council of Administration – F.W. Swift, Detroit; J.C. Danogh, Ovid; R.D. Dix, Berrien Springs; S.B. Smith, Adrian; L. Saviers, Tecumseh; Assistant Adjutant-General, Jas. W. King, Lansing; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Samuel J. Mills, Lansing; Inspector, A. Cottrell, Lansing; Judge Advocate, R.B. Robins, Adrian.

No returns were made to National Headquarters in 1872, and later the Department was reported disorganized, and was dropped from the rolls of Departments.

In 1875, a Post was organized at Coldwater, and on November 19 of that year Captain D.B. Purinton was appointed Provisional Commander of the Department;

Comrade John Mansfield, Assistant Adjutant-General; Jonas H. McGowan, Assistant Quartermaster-General; S.B. Kitchell, and D.P. Cushman, council of Administration. C.A. Loomis Post No. 2 was organized at Quincy, January 22, 1876, and in February, Comrade B.F. Clark, of that Post, was appointed Senior Vice Department Commander.

But little could be done at this time in organizing Posts in Michigan. In April 1878, Major C.V.R. Pond succeeded Captain Purinton as Provisional Commander. He established Headquarters at Quincy, and appointed D.W. Sawyer, Assistant Adjutant-General, and N.A. Reynolds, Assistant Quartermaster-General. By persistent work on the part of Comrade Pond a sufficient number of Posts were chartered to form the permanent Department at Grand Rapids, January 22, 1879.

Meetings have been held and officers elected since the reorganization as follows:

ANNUAL MEETINGS

January 22, 1879, Grand Rapids; II. January 1880, Grand Rapids; III. January 21, 1881, Quincy; IV. January 19, 1882, Muskegon; V. January 18, 1883, Battle Creek; VI. January 23, 1884, Detroit; VII. February 11, 1885, East Saginaw; VIII. April 21, 1886, Jackson; IX. March 16, 1887, Grand Rapids; X. March 14, 1888, Lansing.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1878, *Provisional*, C.V.R. Pond, Post 2, Quincy; 1879, C.V.R. Pond (See junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XX); 1880, A.T. McReynolds, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1881-82, Byron R. Pierce, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1883, O.A. Janes, Post 6, Hillsdale (See Inspector-General, Chapter XXIII); 1884, Rush J. Shank, Post 43, Lansing; 1885, Chas. D. Long, Post 145, Flint; 1886, John Northwood, Post 172, New Lothrop; 1887, L.G. Rutherford, Post 26, Hart; 1888, Washington Gardner, Post 48, Jackson.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1878, *Provisional*, H.M. Bigelow; 1879, H.M. Bigelow, Post 3, Montague; 1880, G.S. Bartholomew, Post 4, Reading; 1881, D.W. Sawyer, Post 2, Quincy; 1882-83, Geo. R. Wright, Post 14, Benton Harbor; 1884, M.A. Merrifield, Post 88, Union City; 1885, Geo. L. Fisher, Post 114, Fowlerville; 1886, S.P. Hosmer, Post 140, Tecumseh; 1887, W.W. Cook, Post 60, Leslie; 1888, True Hart, Post 69, Midland.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1878, *Provisional*, S.B. Kitchell; 1879, W.A. Palmer; 1880, S.D. Murray, Post 7, Muskegon; 1881, Dallas Johnson, Post 3, Montague; 1882, O.A. Janes; 1883, J.M. Kellar, Post 38, East Saginaw; 1884, M.H. Bumphrey, Post 72, Three Rivers; 1885, H.F. Higgins, Post 170, Petoskey;

1886, August Goebel, Post 162, Detroit; 1887, Thos. H. Williams, Post 48, Jackson; 1888, Loren Roberts, Post 18, Traverse.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1879, N.J. Pierce, Post 4, Reading; 1880, H.C. Stephenson, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1881, J.M. Cook, Post 7, Muskegon; 1882, S.S. French, Post 34, Otsego; 1883, R.J. Shank, Post 42, Lansing; 1884, Horace Tupper, Post 67, Bay City; 1885, Norman Johnson, Post 67, Bay City; 1886, L.A. Howard, Post 259, Litchfield; 1887, C.P. Brown, Post 279, Spring Lake; 1888, Wells B. Fox, Post 11, Bancroft.

CHAPLAINS

1879, C.H. De Clute, Post 1, Coldwater; 1880, Samuel Parker; 1881, William H. Miller, Post 13, Harbor Springs; 1882, Sheldon Smith, Post 19, Bangor; 1883, J.R. Savage, Post 86, Mancelona; 1884, C.A. Munn, Post 28, Big Rapids; 1885, Edw. P. Gibbs, Post 75, Grand Haven; 1886, Chester D. Berry, Post 105, Tekonsha; 1887, Henry W. Thompson, Post 175, Escanaba; 1888, Wm. H. Miller, Post 61, Gaylord.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1878-79, Daniel W. Sawyer, Post 2, Quincy; 1880, A.B. Carrier, Post 5, Grand Rapids; resigned April 15; Succeeded by H. H. Holton, Post 5, Grand Rapids, who served during 1881-82; 1883, Wm. H. Tallman, Post 6, Hillsdale; 1884, Geo. W. Stone, Post 42, Lansing; 1885-86, Oscar F. Lochhead, Post 145, Flint; 1887, Wm. E. Throp, Post 26, Hart; 1888, G.M. Devlin, Post 48, Jackson.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1878, W.H. Thurber, Post 2, Quincy; 1879, N.A. Reynolds, Post 1, Coldwater; 1880-81, Edwin Hoyt, Jr., Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1882, Milo G. Randall; resigned October 16, succeeded by C.B. Carpenter, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1883, F.K. Proctor, Post 6, Hillsdale; 1884, A. Cottrell, Post 42, Lansing; 1885-86, Ira H. Wilder, Post 145, Flint; 1887, Daniel Landon, Post 26, Hart; died while so serving, October 8, 1887; succeeded by Horace J. Holmes, Post 26, Hart; 1888, Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson.

INSPECTORS

1879, W.P. Innes, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1880, J.C. Smith, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1881-82, L.W. Heath, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1883, J.F. Barmore, Post 22, Buchanan; 1884, Roscoe D. Dix, Post 39, Berrien Springs; 1885, C.G. Hampton, Post 17, Detroit; 1886, Norman G. Cooper, Post 73, Sturgis; 1887, C.C. Storrs, Post 280, North Muskegon; 1888, Wm. Shakespeare, Post 79, Kalamazoo.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1879, S.B. Kitchell, Post 1, Coldwater; 1880, R.P. Sinclair, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1881, L.W. Wolcott, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1882, L.G. Rutherford, Post 26, Hart; 1883, M.A. Merrifield, Post 88, Union City; 1884, G.H. Penniman, Post 162, Detroit; 1885, Daniel Griffith, Post 48, Jackson; 1886, S.B. Daboll, Post 156, St. Johns; 1887, Michael Brown, Post 294, Big Rapids; 1888, B.F. Graves, Post 45, Adrian.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1879-80, H.H. Holton, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1881, George R. Wright, Post 14, Benton Harbor; 1882, J.G. Todd, Post 20, Hartford; 1883, A.M. Holt, Post 17, Detroit; 1884, E.H. Taylor, Post 171, Vassar; resigned March 1884, succeeded by Chas. D. Long, Post 145, Flint; 1885, William G. Gage, Post 38, East Saginaw; 1886, C.O. Jennison, Post 83, Greenville; 1887, Eber Rice, Post 5, Grand Rapids; 1888, Edwin Hoyt, Jr., Post 5, Grand Rapids.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1879 – A.T. McReynolds, post 5, Grand Rapids; J.E. Messmore, Seth Ellis; Daniel W. Sawyer, Post 2, Quincy; H.H. Weaver, Post 1, Coldwater.

1880 – Daniel W. Sawyer, H.H. Weaver, re-elected; J.W. Mason, Post 8, Allington; D. Johnson, Post 3, Montague; A.J. Bradford, Post 7, Muskegon.

1881 – A.J. Bradford, re-elected, Jos. Keegan, Post 12, Deerfield; O.A. Janes, Post 6, Hillsdale; G.R. Wright, Post 14, Benton Harbor; H.C. Stephenson, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

1882 – A.M. Holt, Post 17, Detroit; D. Johnson, Post 3, Montague; W.L. Ryan, Post 7, Muskegon; L.M. Ward, Post 14, Benton Harbor; Geo. Cook, Post 5, Grand Rapids.

1883 – B.F. Partridge, Post 67, Bay City; D.W. Sawyer, Post 2, Quincy; J.G. Todd, Post 19, Bangor; A.F. Temple, Post 7, Muskegon; M. Chase, Post 34, Otsego.

1884 – J.H. Dennis, Post 125, Hastings; A.W. Mills, Post 140, Tecumseh; G.E. Aiken, Post 67, Bay City; A.J. Bradford, Post 7, Muskegon; W.G. Gage, Post 38, East Saginaw.

1885 – G.E. Aiken, re-elected; J.W. Romeyn, Post 17, Detroit; C.O. Jennison, Post 83, Greenville; Albert Dunham, Post 48, Jackson; J.D. Ronan, Post 76, Monroe.

1886 – G.A. Chase, Post 17, Detroit; T.N. Stevens, Post 75, Grand Haven; G.M. Buck, Post 79, Kalamazoo; Edw. P. Gibbs, Post 75, Grand Haven; L.H. Ripley, Post 183, Holly.

1887 – Louis Kanitz, Post 7, Muskegon; B.f. Graves, Post 45, Adrian; W.J. Daly, Post 216, Mt. Clemens; Ira H. Wilder, Post 145, Flint; R.A. Parker, Post 17, Detroit.

1888 - Louis Kanitz, R.A. Parker, re-elected; G.W. Buckingham, Post 145, Flint; Wm. Jibb, Post 45, Adrian; F.C. Whipple, Post 98, Port Huron.

STATE SOLDIERS' HOME

In 1883, General William Shakespeare, Kalamazoo, Quartermaster-General of the State of Michigan, called public attention to the fact that many Michigan soldiers had been forced to seek shelter in almshouses. The Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Southwestern Michigan adopted resolutions on this subject, and appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the Grand Army, and at the following Department Encampment, January 1884, Comrade Rush J. Shank, Lansing, presented a resolution relative to the establishment of a Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, and a committee consisting of Colonel Robt. F. Hill, Kalamazoo, Geo. P. Sanford, Lansing and General Luther S. Trowbridge, Detroit, was appointed to seek Congressional aid. They soon ascertained that this could not be secured owing to the objections of the Board of Managers of the National Homes, and then Dr. Shank drafted a bill providing for the establishment of a State Home, which was presented in the Legislature by Comrade John Northwood, New Lathrop, a member of the House, later Department Commander. The bill was passed by the Legislature, and became a law by the approval of Governor R.A. Alger, June 5, 1885.

One hundred thousand dollars were appropriated for buildings and \$50,000 for maintenance in each of the years 1885, 1886.

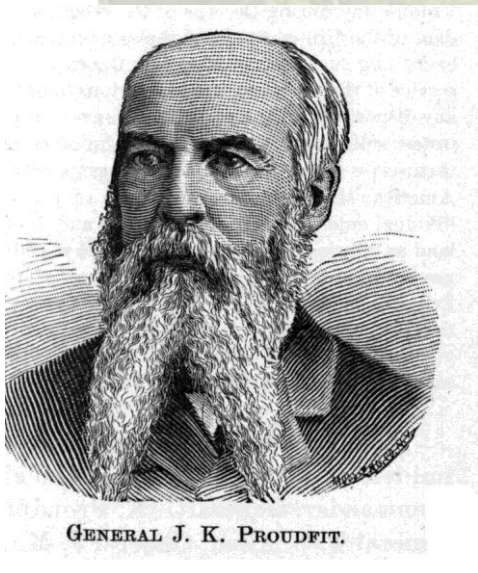
A beautiful site for the Home, consisting of 132 acres, was purchased by citizens of Grand Rapids at a cost of \$16,500, and presented to the State for this purpose.

The main building is 258 feet front, with two wings, each 120 feet deep, three stories high and a basement. This building was dedicated December 30, 1886, and was opened for the reception of inmates, January 1, 1887. The number of inmates, September 1888, was 421.

The first Board of Managers consisted of Governor R.A. Alger, Chairman; Colonel A.T. Bliss, Saginaw; Colonel Samuel Wells, Buchanan; General Byron R. Pierce, Grand Rapids; Captain R.A. Remake, Detroit; Hon. Michael Brown, Big Rapids; Colonel Charles Y. Osborn, Marquette.

Governor Cyrus G. Luce is now (1888) chairman *ex officio* of the Board of Managers. General Byron R. Pierce, Past Department Commander, resigned as one of the Managers, and was appointed Commandant of the Home.

DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN



In 1865-66 the veterans of Wisconsin were organized, in the cities and towns of that State, as "Soldiers' and Sailors' Leagues." No State organization was formed, each League acting independently, but all had the same general objects; the relief of indigent veterans, and to secure employment for and in other ways advance the interests of ex-soldiers and sailors.

General J.K. Proudfit was President, and Geo. F. Rowell, Secretary, of the League, at Madison. The latter, on learning of the formation of a Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in Illinois, wrote to Springfield for information, and received in reply copies of the constitution, accompanied with the request that an organization be effected in Wisconsin. These copies of the constitution were sent to officers of other Leagues, and correspondence was had with influential veterans in different parts of the State, which resulted in the issue of a call, signed by General Proudfit, for a Convention, on June 7, 1866, at Madison. On this date a large and harmonious meeting was held. Colonel A.J. Bartlett was chosen President of the meeting and appointed the necessary committees.

Resolutions were unanimously adopted accepting the plans and organizations of the Grand Army of the Republic, and urging the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Leagues," to organize there under, and requesting the necessary arrangements for this purpose as speedily as possible.

The Committee on Resolutions, consisting of General T.S. Allen, Captain J.W. Tolford, Major Wood, Captain D.W.C. Wilson and Captain Norris, reported a number of resolutions, which were adopted, among them the following:

Resolved, That we tender our grateful acknowledgement for the just and kindly spirit manifested by Congress in the passage of resolutions in favor of giving the preference in appointment to positions of honor and profit within the gift of the National Government, other things being equal, to those who faithfully served in the Union Army during the war of the rebellion, and for the recent circular of the President of the United States of the same import, and that the propriety and justice of exercising such discrimination in the case of

those who have been disabled while in the service of their country, are too obvious to be questioned. At the same time we disclaim any disposition on the part of the brave and patriotic men whom we represent, the volunteer soldiers of Wisconsin, to claim office as the reward of their services, or to place themselves in the position of clamorous office seekers. They regard, as every true American should, the independence of private life and the prizes that wait upon individual enterprises in the industrial and business pursuits open to all in this free land as offering incentives to a worthy ambition preferable to those offered by a greedy scramble for place and the favor of politicians, and they receive the fulsome flatteries and unsolicited promises of demagogues of whatever party that assumes that soldiers who risked their lives in defense of their country are a horde of greedy office-seekers capable of being lured by promises of official patronage into the service of political tricksters with feelings of profound disgust and indignation.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented a partial list of officers who were then elected, as follows: Department Commander, General J.K. Proudfit; Council of Administration – General T.S. Allen, General J.M. Rusk, Colonel A.J. Bartlett, Colonel E.A. Calkins; Surgeon, L.H. Carey. Geo. F. Rowell was afterwards selected as Adjutant-General and Edward Coleman Quartermaster-General.

The Ritual and work of the Grand Army of the Republic was explained by Robert M. Woods, Adjutant General, Department of Illinois.

General J.K. Proudfit, thus elected Department Commander, was in active service during the whole period of the war, serving from Private to Colonel. Was brevetted Brigadier-General to date March 13, 1865. In 1873, he was appointed Surveyor-General of New Mexico, which position he held four years. He is now living at Wyandotte, Kansas. Immediately after his election as Department Commander he entered on the work of organizing Post in Wisconsin. The first Post was chartered at Madison, June 10, 1866, with the following charter-members: J.M. Tolford, Chas. G. Mayers, A.A. Meredith, H.C. Olney, F. Downs, Geo. H. Meissner, Louis Gootman, Charles H. Barton, Thomas Reynolds, Henry Sandford, Lucius Fairchild, R.J. Chase, John Reynolds, Geo. F. Rowell, John Betts, S.E. Pearson, Jas. K. Proudfit.

General Proudfit also issued the charter under which the present Post 2, Philadelphia, was organized.

The Department of Wisconsin maintained its organization through all the trying period elsewhere referred to, elected officers and made its returns each year, though at one time it was practically reduced to but three or four Posts.

Post No. 4, Berlin, Chartered September 1866, has kept up its organization steadily from that date and undoubtedly is the oldest Post in the Order with an unbroken record.

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

Meetings of the Departments have been held as follows:

Conventions, June 7, 1866, Madison; I. June 19, 1867, Madison; II. January 8, 1868, Madison; III. January 27, 1869, Madison; IV. January 26, 1870, Madison; V. January 11, 1871, Madison; VI. January 17, 1872, Milwaukee; VII. January 14, 1873, Berlin; VIII. January 8, 1874, Milwaukee; IX. January 13, 1875, Milwaukee; X. January 12, 1876; XI. January 25, 1877, Oshkosh; XII. January 24, 1878, Milwaukee; XIII. January 1879, Milwaukee; XIV. January 21, 1880, Oshkosh; XV. January 25, 1881, Milwaukee; XVI. January 26, 1882, Milwaukee; XVII. January 23, 1883, Portage; XVIII. January 23, 1884, Janesville; XIX. January 22, 1885, Madison; XX. February 3, 1886, Milwaukee; XXI. February 15, 1887, Milwaukee; XXII. February 15, 1888, Milwaukee.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1866, J.K. Proudfit, Post 1, Madison; 1867, H.A. Starr, Post 9, Milwaukee; 1868, J.M. Rusk, Post 1, Madison; 1869-70, T.S. Allen, Post 1, Madison; 1871-72, Ed. Ferguson, Post 3, Milwaukee; resigned 1872, when elected Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief (See Chapter XII); 1873, A.J. McCoy, Post 117, Beaver Dam; 1874-75, Geo. A. Hannaford, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1886, Jno. Hancock, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1877, H.G. Rogers, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1878, S.F. Hammond, Post 2, Milwaukee; 1879-81, Griff J. Thomas, Post 4, Berlin; 1882, H.M. Enos, Post 19, Waukesha; 1883-84, Philip Cheek, Jr., Post 9, Baraboo; 1885, Jas. Davidson, Post 30, Sparta; 1886, Lucius Fairchild, Post 11, Madison; resigned when elected Commander-in-Chief (See Chapter XXV); Henry P. Fischer, Post 2, Milwaukee was elected to fill the vacancy; 1887, M. Griffin, Post 52, Eau Claire; 1888, A.G. Weissert, Post 1, Milwaukee.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1867, W.A. Bach, Post 4, Berlin; 1868, C.L. Dering, Post 14, Portage; 1869-70, Ed. Ferguson; 1871-72, A.J. McCoy; 1873, G.A. Hannaford; 1874, M. Larkins, Post 8, National Military Home, Milwaukee; 1875, Jno. Hancock; 1876, H.G. Rogers; 1877, Wm. Wall, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1878, J.P. Luther, Post 4, Berlin; 1879, J.M. Vanderhoff, Post 3, Darien; 1880, C.D. Cleveland, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1881, Geo. C. Staff, Post 2, Milwaukee; 1882, J.M. Vanderhoff, Post 3, Darien; 1883, R.J. Flint, Post 58, Menominee; 1884, E.A. Calkins, Post 1, Milwaukee; 1885, E.M. Rogers, Post 36, Viroque; 1886, H.P. Fischer; 1887, B.F. Bryant, Post 38, La Crosse; 1888, R.L. Wing, Post 155, Kewaunee.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1867, D.A. Read; 1868, A.J. Langworthy, Post 9, Milwaukee; 1869, N.O. Adams; 1870, A.J. McCoy; 1871, J.M. Bull, Middletown; 1872, Jas. Bennett, Post 11, Madison; 1873, A.L. Tucker, Post 4, Berlin; 1874, Z.C. Hamilton, Post 4, Berlin; 1875, H.G. Rogers; 1876, G.J. Thomas; 1877, A.G. Dinsmore, Post 4, Berlin; 1878, Henry Bailey, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1879-80, G.C. Staff; 1881, J.M. Vanderhoff; 1882, J.H. Whitewater; 1884, E.M. Rogers;

1885, T.W. Haight, Post 19, Waukesha; 1886, J.P. Briggs, Post 55, Warsaw; 1887, Robert Inglis, Post 140, Bayfield; 1888, Wm. A. Browne, Post 17, Racine.

MEDICAL OFFICERS

1866, L.H. Cary; 1869, J.B.G. Baxter; 1870-72, A.J. Ward, Post 1, Madison; 1873-74, S.L. Fuller, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1875, W.A. Gordon, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1876, J.H. Stearns, Post 8, National Home; 1877-81, T.B. Russell, Post 4, Berlin; 1882, Henry Palmer; 1883, J.G. Pelton, Post 39, Spring Green; 1884, Alex. McBean, Post 68, Chippewa Falls; 1885, F.W. Byers, Post 102, Monroe; 1886, Chas. Ottilie, Post 38, La Crosse; 1887, F.A. Marden, Post 2, Milwaukee; died in office, September 24, 1887, succeeded by A.J. Ward, Post 11, Madison; 1888, Almon Clark, Post 187, Sheboygan.

CHAPLAIN

1870, J.H. McNees; 1871, E.A. Ludwick, Soldiers' Home; 1872, Samuel Fallows, Post 3, Milwaukee; now Bishop Reformed Episcopal Church, Chicago; 1873, T.S. Johnson, Post 117, Beaver Dam; 1874, Wm. Zickerick, Post 4, Berlin; 1875-77, Myron W. Reed, Post 3, Milwaukee (See Chaplain-in-Chief, Chapter XIV); 1878, Wm. Zickerick, Post 4, Berlin; 1879, Chas. T. Susan, Post 4, Berlin; 1880, Joel Clarke; 1881, Chas. T. Susan, Post 4, Berlin; 1882, J.H. Whitney, Post 13, Reedsburg; 1883, A.C. Barry, Post 25, Lodi; 1884, W.H. Hurd, Post 77, North La Crosse; 1885, J.W. Sanderson, Post 1, Milwaukee; Zickerick, Post 130, Fond du Lac; 1887-88, Wm. J. Fisher, Post 220, Horicon.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1866, Geo. F. Rowell, Post 1, Madison; 1867-70, J.M. Bull, Post 1, Madison; 1871, Geo. R. Wright, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1872, George A. Hannaford, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1873, A.M. Burns; 1874, W.F. Angevine, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1875, S.W. Rhodes, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1876, Wm. Wall, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1877, S.F. Hammond, Post 2, Milwaukee; 1878, M. Larkin, Post 8, Milwaukee; 1879-81, John D. Galloway, Post 4, Berlin; 1882, F.H. Putney; resigned, succeeded by R.L. Gove, Post 19, Waukesha; 1883-84, J.H. Whitney, Post 9, Baraboo; 1885-86, Philip Cheek, Jr., Post 9, Baraboo; 1887, Geo. A. Barry, Post 52, Eau Claire; 1888, Edmund, B. Gray, Post 138, Palmyra (See Adjutant-General, Chapter XXV).

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1866-67, Edward Coleman, Post 1, Madison; 1868-70, C.G. Mayers, Post 1, Madison; 1871-74, H.G. Rogers, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1875, Samuel Martin, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1876, R.J. Weisbroed, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1877-78, H.E. Blanchard, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1879, Nathaniel Pierce, Post

4, Berlin 1880-81, Z.C. Hamilton, Post 4, Berlin; 1882-83, Griff J. Thomas, Post 4, Berlin; 1884, Herman Albrecht, Post 9, Baraboo; 1885, L.M. Stevens, Post 30, Sparta; 1886, Thos. Priestly, Post 125, Mineral Point; 1887, Chas. W. Mott, Post 1, Milwaukee; 1888, W.A. Wyse, Post 13, Reedsburg.

JUDGE-ADVOCATES

1871, Jno. F. Hanser, Alma; 1875, C.D. Cleveland, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1876, T.C. Ryan; 1877, Geo. B. Goodwin, Post 3, Milwaukee; 1879-80, Henry B. Harshaw, Post 10, Oshkosh; 1881, H.D. Bullard, Delavan; 1882, Geo. W. Bird, Post 26, Jefferson; 1883, Geo. Graham, Post 42, Tomah; 1884, George W. Bird, Post 26, Jefferson; 1885-86, M. Griffin, Post 52, Eau Claire; 1887, W.H. Beebee, Post 11, Platteville; 1888, C.D. Cleveland, Post 10, Oshkosh.

INSPECTORS

1869, A.J. McCoy, Beaver Dam; 1871, G.J. Thomas, Post 4, Berlin; 1880, Chas. Perkins, Post 8, National Home; 1883, T.W. Haight, Post 19, Waukesha; 1884-85, Wm. S. Stanley, Jr., Post 1, Milwaukee; 1886, Chas. E. Estabrook, Post 18, Manitowoc; 1887, L. Ferguson, Post 136, Brandon; 1888, Geo. A. Barry, Post 52, Eau Claire.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1880, Henry P. Fischer, Post 2, Milwaukee; 1882, Theron W. Haight, Post 19, Waukesha; 1883, L.O. Holmes, Post 9, Baraboo; 1884, Chas. N. Davies, Post 86, Merrilan; 1885, J.W. Curran, Post 11, Madison; 1886, W.A. Wyse, Post 13, Reedsburg; 1887, James Miles, Post 13, Reedsburg; 1888, E.D. Coe, Post 34, Whitewater.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1866 – T.S. Allen, J.M. Rusk, J.O. Bartlett, E.A. Calkins.

1868 – J.A. Kellogg, G.H. Otis, F.C. Winkler, D.C. Ayres.

1869 – M.H. Selious; J.O. Bartlett, Post 17, Racine; W.J. Kershaw, Post 1, Madison; H.B. Harshaw, Post 10, Oshkosh; J.A. Watrous, Post 130, Fond du Lac

1870 –71 – W.J. Kershaw, re-elected; Lucius Fairchild, Post 1, Madison; W.A. Gordon, Post 10, Oshkosh; J.M. Rusk, Post 1, Madison; C.W. Foster, Post 130, Fond du Lac.

1872, L. Fairchild, W.J. Kershaw, J.M. Rusk, re-elected; M. Larkin, Post 8, National Home, Milwaukee; A. Tyler.

1873 – M. Larkin, re-elected; W.F. Angevine, Post 3, Milwaukee; W.G. Bennett

1874 – James Bennett, Post 1, Madison; H.G. Rogers, Post 3, Milwaukee; J.P. Luther, Post 4, Berlin; M.O.

Reagen, Post 8, National Home, Milwaukee; T.S. Allen, Post 10, Oshkosh.

1875 – Z.C. Hamilton, Post 4, Berlin; Wm. Wall, Post 10, Oshkosh; T.W. Lynch, Post 8, National Soldiers' Home, Milwaukee; Byron G. Singer and F.G. Wehe, Post 3, Milwaukee.

1876 – H.B. Harshaw, Post 10, Oshkosh; E.A. Calkins, Post 2, Milwaukee; Geo. W. Beard, Post 3, Milwaukee; Z.C. Hamilton, Post 4, Berlin.

1877 – H.B. Harshaw, re-elected; C.O. Jennsion, Post 2, Milwaukee; Griff J. Thomas, Post 4, Berlin; Chas. W. Felker, Post 10, Oshkosh; Geo. Heywood, Post 3, Milwaukee.

1878-79 – Wm. Shallock, Post 2, Milwaukee; H.A. valentine, Post 3, Milwaukee; S.J. Ellis, Jr., Post 4, Berlin; M.O. Reagen, Post 8, National Home, Milwaukee; C.D. Cleveland, Post 10, Oshkosh.

1880 - L.T. Nichols, Post 4, Berlin; F.W. Follett, Post 10, Oshkosh; M. Larkin, Post 8, National Home; Thos. Boland, Post 2, Milwaukee; Rodney Seaver, Darien.

1881 – C.L. Dering, Post 14, Portage; Lyton Flynn, J.H. Elsner, E. Dewey, J.C. Higgins.

1882 – C.L. Dering, re-elected; J.W. Cochran; Philip Cheek, Jr., Post 9, Baraboo; Geo. Graham, Post 42, Tomah; J.A. Watrous, Post 1, Milwaukee.

1883 – C.L. Dering, J.A. Watrous, re-elected; H.B. Harshaw, Post 10, Oshkosh; E.M. Rogers, Post 36, Viroqua; S.C. Cobb, Post 20, Janesville.

1884 – H.B. Harshaw, re-elected; W.H. Bennett, Post 11, Madison; W.S. Stanley, Jr., Post 1, Milwaukee; C.M. Butt, Post 36, Viroque; Geo. C. Ginty, Post 68, Chippewa Falls..

1885 – Geo. C. Ginty, re-elected; W.A. Wyse, Post 13, Reedsburg; Geo. E. Smith, Post 17, Racine; H.P. Fischer, Post 2, Milwaukee; D.G. James, Post 33, Richland Centre.

1886 – O.B. Chester, Post 61, New Lisbon; W.H. Blyton, Post 30, Sparta; E.I. Kidd, Post 134, Bloomington; F.A. Marden, Post 2, Milwaukee; S.D. Blake, Post 92, Black River Falls.

1887 – Wm. Steinmeyer, Post 2, Milwaukee; Geo. B. Carter, Post 66, Platteville; W.H.H. Cash, Post 61, New Lisbon; E.G. Harlow, Post 20, Janesville; Dr. D.J. Dill, Post 189, Prescott.

1888 – C.B. Welton, Post 11, Madison; P.J. Schlosser, Post 2, Milwaukee; C.K. Pier, Post 130, Fond du ac; C.H. Russell, Post 4, Berlin; S.F. Veeder, Post 59, Mauston.

LEGISLATION

GRAND ARMY BADGE

By Act approved April 11, 1887, it is made a misdemeanor to wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, unless entitled thereto, under penalty of imprisonment in the county jail for not more than thirty days, or by fine not exceeding \$20, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day was made a legal holiday in Wisconsin in 1879.

BURIAL OF DECEASED VETERANS

By Act approved April 8, 1887:

It shall be the duty of the town board of supervisors of the several towns, the trustees of each village, and the alderman of each ward in every city, in this State, to look after and cause to be interred in a decent and respectable manner, in any cemetery or burial ground within the State, other than those used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead, at an expense to the county not to exceed thirty-five dollars, the body of any honorably discharged ex-Union soldier, sailor or marine, who shall have at any time served in the army or navy of the United States, and who shall hereafter die, not leaving means sufficient to defray the necessary expense of a decent funeral and burial, or who shall die in indigent circumstances where the family of such soldier, sailor or marine would be distressed by defraying the expenses of such funeral or burial.

The County Board is required to make application to the General Government for a suitable headstone, and cause the same to be placed, at the expense of the county, at the head of such deceased soldiers', sailors' or marine's grave.

RELIEF

By Act approved April 2, 1887, a tax must be levied in each county, not exceeding one-fifth of one mill, for the relief of indigent Union soldiers. Sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of indigent or deceased veterans.

The Law provides that these funds shall be disbursed by a Soldiers' Relief Commission appointed by the County Judge in each county "and no honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine shall be sent to a poorhouse in Wisconsin, but that suitable provision shall be made for them by the Relief Commission."

STATE SOLDIERS' HOME

At the Department Encampment held in Milwaukee February 15, 1887, Department Commander Henry P. Fischer urged action in establishing a State Veterans' Home.

By direction of the Encampment a bill for this purpose was at once introduced in the Legislature, and was speedily

passed by that body. The Encampment deemed it best not to ask the State to appropriate money for building a Home, but simply to make provision for its maintenance when one should be established by the Grand Army of the Republic.

The bill, as approved April 14, 1887, appropriated the sum of three dollars per week for each inmate. Destitute soldiers, sailors and marines, residents of the State of Wisconsin, who cannot be received into any National Home, and such destitute women, residents of the State, as were wives of Union soldiers, sailors or marines during the time of the civil war." Are eligible to admission.

The city of Waupaca donated a tract of land known as Greenwood Park, containing seventy-seven acres, beautifully located in the chain of lakes three miles from that city. It is valued at \$15,000. The hotel building on the place required only heating apparatus and furniture to make it immediately available. Possession was obtained October 1, 1887, and early in November the first inmates were received.

The Posts of the Department, the Woman's Relief Corps and a number of patriotic citizens, promptly contributed over \$5,000 to make the necessary changes and erect several cottages. The plan adopted of erecting small cottages, costing not over \$250 each, has enabled a number of the Posts and Corps to build special cottages.

Dr. F.A. Marden, one of the original incorporators, was elected President of the Board, and died while so serving.

The present Board of Trustees are J.H. Marston, President; A.O. Wright, Secretary; Benj. F. Bryant, Treasurer; A.G. Weissert, Department Commander; R.N. Roberts, J.N. Woodworth and W.D. Crocker.

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

In July 1865, an association was formed in St. Louis under the title "Volunteer Mutual Aid Society." Its principal purpose being to secure employment for honorably discharged Union soldiers and sailors who at this time were returning in large numbers, almost all seeking work and, with the exception of cases of absolute destitution and want, declining charity.

The managers of the society were Major Jas. S. Thomas, Colonel R.J. Rombauer, Dr. Spiegelhalter, Dr. Linton, Colonel Henry Flad, Major F.T. Ledergerber, Colonel Jos. Weydemeier, Gen. J. McNeil, Dr. Philip Weigel, Judge Thos. J. Dailey, Gen. J.B. Gray, Hon. Geo. Partridge, Col. Philip Murphy, Col. Chas. G. Stifel and Captain F. Leser. Up to April 6, 1887, this association had obtained positions for 1,803 veterans, and there being no pressing necessity for further united work, the association dissolved and the balance of funds on hand transferred to the Soldiers' Orphan Home in St. Louis.

The date of the formation of the first Post in Missouri cannot now be stated, but the records show that General John McNeil, St. Louis, was appointed Provisional Commander in July 1866, and Colonel F.T. Ledergerber, Adjutant-General. In August, General Chester Harding, Jr., succeeded Colonel Ledergerber, and Chas. Kantriner was

appointed Assistant Adjutant-General. He resigned some time later, and Alex Lowry, also of St. Louis, was appointed his successor.

One of the most sufficient Posts in the interior of the State was organized October 1, 1866, in Kirksville, Adair County, in Northeast Missouri, a town of decided Union proclivities. Dr. R.H. Browne, was elected Post Commander, and with other members of this Post organized a number of Posts in that section. The Post was maintained until 1871, and reorganized in 1880. In that year a large reunion of Union soldiers was held there, lasting four days. Another successful reunion was held in 1885.

The Department organized on May 7, 1867, General Carl Schurz, Grand Commander. A large number of Posts were formed during the year. The membership was largely composed of men who had entered the Federal service in April and May 1861, and by the capture of Camp Jackson, kept St. Louis and Missouri in the Union, and so secured the first great success in the war.

The excited political disputes between President Johnson and Congress, in 1867-68, led to an intense feeling on the subject in Missouri, and the members of the Grand Army there, strong in their political convictions, believed that another civil war was impending, and that it was their duty as Union soldiers to express their opinions in positive terms.

At a representative meeting of the different divisions and Posts of the Grand Army, held at Central Turner Hall, St. Louis, Department Commander General Carl Schurz presiding, Comrade R.J. Rombauer, by unanimous instruction from the Second Division presented resolutions stating that the final sovereignty of this nation rests in Congress then defending the results and fruits of the late war, and in case of an open breach with the President, The Grand Army of Missouri pledges its unconditional support to the American Congress. These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On May 14, 1868, a Department Encampment was held and the following officers were elected: Grand Commander, R.J. Rombauer; Senior Vice Commander, Joseph W. McClurg; Junior Vice Commander, William J. Pile; Surgeon-General, Jos. Spiegelhalter; Chaplain, Francis Romer; Assistant Adjutant-General, John O. Schoener; Assistant Quartermaster-General, Philip H. Murphy; Council of Administration – John S. Cavender, John McFall, G.A. Finkelnburg, E.L. King, and D.P. Dyer.

Later Chas. V. Soden succeeded Comrade Schoener as Assistant Adjutant-General. The Department was divided into Districts, with competent officers and everything was done to make the Department thoroughly efficient.

There were at this time twelve Posts in St. Louis, fourteen in St. Louis County, and eighty-three in other Districts – one hundred and nine Posts in all.

On Memorial Day, May 30, 1869, the Posts of St. Louis made an imposing demonstration in decorating the graves of the dead. Department Commander Rombauer, referring to this, said "It may be considered a new era that in the midst of a community once the scene of civil war, the newspaper press, without distinction of political creed, swayed its influential powers to celebrate the occasion of paying the tribute of gratefulness to the fallen patriots to

whom we owe the victory of the cause of humanity, the peace of the country and the prosperity of the nation."

Notwithstanding the interest displayed in the Grand Army in these early years it soon began to decline. No reports were made to National Headquarters after 1871, and the Department organization was subsequently abandoned.

In 1875 efforts were made to reorganize several Posts, and Captain T.E. Lonergan, St. Louis, was appointed Provisional Commander. He removed to New York in the fall of that year, and Comrade Ford Smith was appointed his successor, but there was not sufficient encouragement to continue these efforts and they were given up for several years.

REORGANIZATION

Comrade J.C. Walkinshaw, commanding Department of Kansas, then on the postal route from Leavenworth to St. Louis, undertook the work of organizing a Post in the latter city. At a meeting for the purpose held on December 8, 1879, in Governor Fletcher's office in St. Louis, Comrade Walkinshaw assisted by Comrades F.R. Potter and J.B. Pachall, mustered John Reed, Thomas B. Rodgers, and Stillman O. Fish, and at a second meeting, a week later, added J.W. Francis, Robert B. Beck, G. Harry Stone and John O'Connell. These comrades, with Geo. G. Chase, Richard Mollencott, F.R. Potter and J.B. Parchall, on transfer, were formally mustered as Frank P. Blair Post No. 1, January 8, 1880. Latter Lewis Moore, E.M. Joel, B. Seaman, and A. Dreifus were mustered, completing the list on the charter.

On April 12th, General John S. Cavender, St. Louis was appointed Provisional Commander for the Department; David Murphy, Assistant Adjutant-General.

It was exceedingly hard work to obtain a foot-hold for the organization of the State, and required two years of time to secure the muster of the number of Posts required to form a Department.

On April 12, 1882, a convention to organize the Department was held at Kansas City, with representatives of nine Posts present; Post 1, St. Louis; Post 2, St. Louis; Post 4, Kansas City; Post 7, St. Joseph; Post 8, Kansas City; Post 9, Kansas City (a colored Post which soon disbanded); Post 10, Rich Hill; Post 11, Lexington; Post 12, Grant City.

Major William Warner, Commander of Geo. H. Thomas Post No. 8, Kansas City was elected Department Commander and served two years, having chartered over 160 Posts, with a membership in good standing of 6,696.

MUSTER OF GENERAL W.T. SHERMAN

On December 9, 1883, a charter was issued for Ransom Post No. 131, St. Louis. The application for charter was headed with the signature of General W.T. Sherman, who had then been retired as General, United States Army, and had settled at his old home in St. Louis.

The ceremonies of muster-in, on December 19, 1883, were attended by Department Commander Warner and

Staff, and comrades from a number of Posts in the Department.

General Sherman was elected Post Commander and served the remainder of that term. He has each year since been unanimously elected Representative-at-large from the Department of Missouri to the National Encampment.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE DEPARTMENT

April 22, 1882, Kansas City; II. March 22, 1883, St. Joseph; III. April 10, 1884, St. Louis; IV. March 4, 1885, Kansas City; V. February 17, 1886, Mexico; VI. February 2, 1887, Springfield; VII March 14, 1888, Trenton

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1881 *Provisional*, John S. Cavender, Post 1, St. Louis; 1882-83, William Warner, Post 8, Kansas City (See Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXVI); 1884, W.F. Chamberlain, Post 43, Hannibal; 1885-86 Nelson Cole, Post 1, St. Louis (See Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXVI); 1887, E.E. Kimball, Post 26, Nevada; 1888, Hiram Smith, Jr., Post 17, Cameron

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1882, David Murphy, Post 1, St. Louis; 1883, J.S. Sterrett, Post 7, St. Joseph; 1884, Nelson Cole; 1885, C.W. Whitehead, Post 8, Kansas City; 1886, E.E. Kimball; 1887, Hiram Smith, Jr.; 1888, John E. Phelps, Post 69, Springfield.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1882, J.S. Sterrett; 1883, W.F. Chamberlain; 1884, S.E. Wetzell, Post 16, Carthage; 1885, E.E. Kimball; 1886, Hiram Smith, Jr.; 1887, John E. Phelps; 1888, Leo Rasseur, Post 1, St. Louis.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1882-83, G.W. Fitzpatrick, Post 3, Kansas City; 1884, Chas. W. Scott, Post 3, Kansas City; 1885, N.S. Richardson, Post 23, Macon; 1886-88, A. Van Meter, Post 34, Lamar.

CHAPLAINS

1882, S.G. Bundy, Post 10, Rich Hill; 1883, H.C. Weaver, Post 4, Kansas City; 1884-87, Jno. S. Ferguson, Post 6, Jefferson City; 1888, T.J. Ferril, Post 7, St. Joseph.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1882, Nat. M. Gwynne, Post 4, Kansas City; resigned September 29; succeeded by Albion P. Pease, Post 3, Kansas City; 1883, Albion P. Pease; 1884, C.N. Clark, Post

43, Hannibal; 1885-86, John Mc Neil, Post 1, St. Louis; 1887-88, Thomas B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1882, H.W. Turner, Post 11, Lexington; 1883, A.E. Dana, Post 4, Kansas City; 1884, E.G. Granville, Post 8, Kansas City; 1885-86, John McNeil (also Assistant Adjutant General); 1887-88, Thos. B. Rodgers (also Assistant Adjutant-General)

INSPECTORS

1882-83, Christian Stawitz, Post 1, St. Louis; 1884, R.H. Browne, Post 22, Kirksville; 1885-86, Arthur Dreifus, Post 1, St. Louis; 1887, O.P. Smith, Post 3, Kansas City; 1888, Chas. L. Pixley, Post 8, Kansas City.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1882, Thos. C. Fletcher, Post 2, St. Louis; 1883, W.J. Terrell, Post 50, Harrisonville; 1884-86, Ira K. Alderman, Post 21, Maryville; 1887, Ezra J. Smith, Post 53, Sedalia; 1888, W.J. Terrell, Post 50, Harrisonville.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1882, Thos. Phelan, Post 8, Kansas City; 1883, John M. Armstrong, Post 7, St. Joseph; 1884, J.H. Decker, Post 43, Hannibal; 1885-87, C.C. Gardiner, Post 1, St. Louis; 1888, Thos. W. Evans, Post 7, St. Joseph.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1882, P.V. Wise, Post 7, St. Joseph; W.J. Sparks, Post 12, Grant City; H.W. Turner, Post 11, Lexington; G.B. Huckleby, Post 10, Rich Hill; H.J. Stierlin, Post 2, St. Louis.

1883 – H.L. Tillottson, Post 26, Nevada; Frank M. Posegate, Post 7, St. Joseph; S.G. Irwin, Post 16, Carthage; Thos. B. Rodgers, Post 1, St. Louis; D.P. Dobyns, Post 45, Oregon

1884 – C.W. Whitehead, Post 8, Kansas City; John M. Armstrong, Post 7, St. Joseph; Chas. F. Vogel, Post 1, St. Louis; Fred. J. Wiseman, Post 20, Louisiana; Thos. Wolfe, Post 34, Lamar.

1885 – W.F. Cloud, Post 53, Sedalia; Cyrus M. Eversol, Post 69, Springfield; H.W. Turner, Post 11, Lexington; J.A. Wilde, Post 215, Boone Terre; A. Wilhartitz, Post 13, St. Louis.

1886 – A. Wilhartitz, re-elected; J.C. Smith, Post 3, Kansas City; Joseph Wisby, Post 225, Marshfield; A. Helphenstein, Post 75, Greenfield; W.H. Day, Post 239, Mexico.

1887 - H.C. Weaver, Post 4, Kansas City; T.S. Maxwell, Post 1, St. Louis; D.E. Shea, Post 239, Mexico; J.R. Milner, Post 69, Springfield; W.H. Farris, Post 48, Lebanon.

1888 - J.W. Jenkins, Post 8, Kansas City; A. Helphenstein, Post 75, Greenfield; B.F. Heiny, Post 22, Kirksville; M. Wetzler, Post 72, Trenton; J.S. Rogers, Post 17, Cameron.

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

An organization of veterans was effected in Davenport in the fall of 1865, under the title of the "Old Soldiers' Association of Scott County, Iowa."



GENERAL A. H. SANDERS.

Brevet Brigadier-General Addison H. Sanders, Lieutenant-Colonel 16th Iowa Infantry, was President, and Captain N.N. Tyner, now of Fargo, Dakota, Secretary.

The Association merged into the Grand Army of the Republic as Post No. 1, Davenport, Department of Iowa.

Early in 1866, General Sanders visited Dr. Stephenson at Springfield, Illinois was then instructed in the work, provided with copies of the Ritual and Constitution and authorized to organize Posts.

A charter was issued dated July 12, 1866, signed B.F. Stephenson, Commanding Department of Illinois, and Robert M. Woods, Adjutant-General to General Add. H. Sanders, Colonel Robert M. Littler, General J.B. Leake, Lieutenant O.S. McNeil, Captain N.N. Tyner, Lieutenant-Colonel T.J. Saunders, A.P. Alexander, Captain A.T. Andreas, Captain John G. Cavendish and J.W. Moore.

A meeting was held in Davenport, July 24, 1866, to organize Post No. 1, and at the same time the Provisional Department was formed with General Sanders as Commander; N.N. Tyner, Adjutant-General; Rufus L. Blair, Assistant Adjutant-General, and A.T. Andreas, Quartermaster-General. A Circular was at once mailed to all parts of the State, stating that such an organization of old soldiers had been formed, that, "line a prairie-fire it has run

over certain States in the Northwest, and now this fire is being kindled in Iowa."

On September 15, 1866, a sufficient number of Posts having been organized for the purpose, General Sanders issued General Orders No. 2, calling a special meeting of the Department, on September 26, at Davenport, to organize a permanent Department.

Delegates were present from Post 1, Davenport; Post 3, Iowa City; Post 5, Clinton; Post 6, Lyons; Post 7, Dubuque; Post 9, Wilson; Post 14, Muscatine; Post 16, Grinnell; Post 19, Des Moines; Post 21, Floyd; Post 26, Boonsboro; Post 28, Comanche; Post 43, Sabula; Post 45, Bellevue.

At the second Encampment held at Davenport, April 10, 1867, the Adjutant-General reported ninety-five Posts organized, but at the next Encampment, January 8, 1868, only eight Posts were represented out of 130 then chartered. In 1870 the aggregate strength of the Department was report as "not to exceed 500 members."

By General Orders from National Headquarters, dated February 5, 1871, the Posts in Iowa were instructed to report direct; and the Department organization was dissolved.

Post No. 1, at Davenport, alone of all the Posts in Iowa, held its charter, though not meeting regularly, elected officers each term and attended to the duties of Memorial Day.

Meetings of the Department were held during this period as follows:

September 26, 1866, Davenport; II. April 10, 1867, Davenport; III. January 8, 1868, Davenport; IV. August 4, 1869, Davenport.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1863, *Provisional*, Add. H. Sanders; 1866, September 26, J.B. Leake, Davenport; 1867, W.T. Shaw, Anamosa; 1868, J.A. Williamson, Des Moines; 1869, Elliott W. Rice, Oskaloosa.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1866, G.L. Godfrey, Des Moines; 1867, John Bruce, Keokuk; 1868, J.C. Stone, Burlington; 1869, William Vandever.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1867, Joseph Lyman, Council Bluffs; 1868, A.C. Blizzard, Wilson; 1869, W.R. Ackers, Marengo.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR

1866, Geo. M. Staples, Dubuque.

CHAPLAIN

1866, Rev. A.B. Kendig, Marshalltown.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1866, N.N. Tyner, Davenport; 1867-69, A.H. Brooks, Davenport.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1866-67, A.T. Andreas, Davenport; 1868-69, H.F. Leib, Marengo.

REORGANIZATION

Early in 1872 an effort was made from National Headquarters to re-establish the Order in Iowa. J.N. Coldron, Iowa City, was appointed Provisional Commander; E.G. Fracker, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Torrence Post No. 2 was organized at Keokuk, April 18, 1872, with sixteen charter-members. Joseph E. Griffith, of this Post was appointed Senior Vice Department Commander and represented the Department in the Sixth National Encampment. Commander Coldron was, on February 16th 1874, relieved at his own request, and General J.C. Parrott, of Keokuk, one of the best known veterans in the State, was appointed to the vacancy, with L.S. Tyler, Post 2, Keokuk, as Assistant Quartermaster-General, who was later succeeded by L.W. Huston. Other changes were made in the Provisional Staff: J.C. Stone, Post 5, Burlington, was appointed Senior Vice Department Commander, and Chas. Werner, Post 1, Davenport, Junior vice Commander. Council of Administration – A.G. McQueen, Post 2; W.H. Rockford, Post 1; A.A. Perkins, Post 5; Frank Kyte, Post 132; J.E. Johnson, Post 2.

Though only three Posts – 1, 2, and 5, had reported for the quarter ending December 31, 1874, the Provisional Department was called at Keokuk, January 31, 1875. The officers made formal reports, and the few but earnest members present determined to maintain the organization.

While they thus kept up all forms of organization, not much progress had been made when the next Encampment was held in Keokuk, January 12, 1876. Commander Parrott tendered his resignation, stating that a younger man and one with more leisure than himself should be appointed, and that he had recommended to Commander-in-Chief Hartranft, as his successor, Comrade J.C. Stone, of Post 5, Burlington, who was then appointed with A.A. Perkins, Post 5, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Ed. L. Hobart, Assistant Quartermaster-General.

In September 1876, Commander Stone resigned, and was succeeded by Comrade A.A. Perkins, with Comrade L.S. Tyler, Keokuk, as Senior Vice Commander; W.T. Virgin, Burlington, as Junior Vice Commander; Robt. Spencer, Assistant Adjutant-General, and Thos. R. Acres, Assistant Quartermaster-General, the latter being later relieved by W.H. Perkins, Post 5.

In October of this year, Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief J.S. Reynolds visited several places in the central part of the State and reported an encouraging outlook for the formation of Posts.

Provisional Commander Perkins entered earnestly into the work of the organization. He convened the Department at Burlington, January 12, 1877, when the officers above named were re-elected or re-appointed, with the addition of Comrades Wm. Horner, Thos. J. Hedges and H.G. Rising as a Council of Administration. Comrade W.H. Perkins afterwards resigned as Assistant Quartermaster-General, and was succeeded by J.L. Kelly, Post 5, Burlington.

Another meeting of the Provisional department was held in Burlington, January 19, 1878. H.E. Griswold, of Post 6, Atlantic, was elected Senior Vice Commander and Comrades Wm. Horner, Thos. J. Hedges, Wm. Hummell, Ed. L. Hobart of Post 5 and J.M. Haver, Post 6, Council of Administration, Comrade Perkins still serving as Commander. Comrade Griswold soon after organized Posts at Marne, Bedford, and Clarinda, and when a sufficient number of Posts has been thus organized, the Encampment was convened at Des Moines, January 23, 1879, to form a permanent Department.

A semi-annual Encampment was held at Des Moines, September 2, 1879, when an address was delivered by General John A. Logan. Comrade J.K. Powers, Assistant Adjutant-General, was delegated to met General Grant at San Francisco on his return from his trip around the world, and tender him a Grand Army escort through Iowa on his way east.

General Grant reached Council Bluffs November 3d, was met by Department Commander Griswold and staff, with other members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and by Governor Gear and citizens of the State, and by them was escorted to Burlington.

Eleven Posts were organized during this year, and thereafter the Department gained rapidly in Posts and members, each year showing a decided increase over the year previous.

Annual Meetings of the Department have been held since its reorganization, as follows:

February 4, 1880; January 27, 1881; February 23, 1882; and April 4, 1883, at Des Moines; April 23, 1884, Marshalltown; April 22, 1885, Davenport; April 7, 1886, Sioux City; April 20, 1887, Dubuque; April 11, 1888, Cedar Rapids.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

September 2, 1879, Des Moines, September 17, 1880, Des Moines.

Officers of the permanent Department since reorganization:

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1879, H.E. Griswold, Post 6, Atlantic; 1880, W.F. Conrad, Post 7, Des Moines; 1881, Peter V. Carey, Post 21, Des Moines; 1882, Geo. B. Hogin, Post 16, Newton; 1883, John B. Cooke, Post 44, Carroll; 1884, Edward G. Miller, Post 68, Waterloo; 1885, W.R. Manning, Post 16, Newton; 1886,

W.A. McHenry, Post 58, Denison; 1887, J.M. Tuttle, Post 12, Des Moines; 1888, E.A. Consigny, Post 123, Avoca.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1879, C.W. Nelson, Post 7, Des Moines; 1880, Geo. B. Hogin; 1881, Albert Head, Post 23, Jefferson; 1882, Frank De Ford, Post 14, Stuart; 1883, C.L. Davidson, Post 76, Hull; 1884, L.S. Tyler, Post 2, Keokuk; 1885, Milo L. Sherman, Post 104, Fredericksburg; 1886, P.H. Hankins, Post 284, Sac City; 1887, W.D. Thayer, Post 53, Jessup; 1888, J.A. Riggen, M.D., Post 144, what Cheer.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1879, Wm. McPherrin, Post 11, Clarinda; 1880, Albert Head; 1881, Phil. M. Crapo, Post 5, Burlington; 1882, Geo. L. Wright, Post 58, Denison; 1883, Geo. W. Bywater, Post 21, Des Moines; 1884, W.H. Sallada, Post 12, Des Moines; 1885, Chas. L. Longley, Post 110, Tipton; 1886, J.L. Geddes, Post 20, Ames; 1887, R.A. Wareham, Post 42, Mason City; 1888, H.M. Anderson, Post 13, Clarence.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1879, E.R. Hutchins, Post 7, Des Moines; 1880-81, J.H. Kersey, Post 14, Stuart; 1882, Alfred Hammer, Post 21, Des Moines; 1883, A.J. Hobart; 1884, J.O. Skinner, Post 174, Polk City; 1885, W.S. Robertson, Post 231, Muscatine; 1886, Geo. P. Hanawalt, Post 12, Des Moines; 1887, J.W. Tiffany, Post 244, Center Point; 1888, R.M. De Witt, Post 7, Des Moines (See Surgeon-General, Chapter XXVI).

CHAPLAINS

1879, W.W. Thorp, Post 7, Des Moines; 1880-82, D.R. Lucas, Post 12, Des Moines; 1883, J.B. Casebeer; 1884, John Bowman, Post 222, Cedar falls; 1885, S.R.J. Hoyt, Post 267, Waverly; 1886, J.H. Lozier, Post 400, Mt. Vernon; 1887, C.O. Brown, Post 78, Dubuque; 1888, John Hood, Post 235, Cedar Rapids.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1879-80, J.K. Powers, Post 7, Des Moines; 1881, A.W. Guthrie, Post 7, Des Moines; 1882, N. Townsend, Post 16, Newton; 1883, W.L. Culbertson, Post 44, Carroll; 1884, Chester B. Stilson, Post 68, Waterloo; 1885, N. Townsend, Post 16, Newton; 1886, Geo. L. Wright, Post 58, Denison; 1887-88, J.W. Muffly, Post 12, Des Moines.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1879, L.E. Ayers, Post 7, Des Moines; October 10, 1879, W.B. Temple, Post 7, Des Moines; 1880, L.E. Ayers, Post 7, Des Moines; 1881, Alfred Hammer, Post 21, Des Moines; 1882, W.R. Manning, Post 16, Newton; 1883, Jno. K. Deal,

Post 44, Carroll; 1884, Dan R. Weaver, Post 68, Waterloo; 1885, John L. Matthews, Post 16, Newton; 1886, Melvin Smith, Post 68, Denison; 1887, R.L. Chase, Post 7, Des Moines; 1888, W.C. Davis, Post 1223, Avoca.

INSPECTORS

1879, M.V. King, Post 10, Bedford; 1880, P.V. Carey, Post 21, Des Moines; 1881, S.L. Fuller, Post 21, Des Moines; 1882, L.S. Tyler, Post 2, Keokuk; 1883, A.W.C. Weeks, Post 55, Winterset; 1884, Harvey Smith, Post 68, Waterloo; succeeded, August 4, by Geo. W. Harbin, Post 68, Waterloo; 1885, Aug. Reimers, Post 1, Davenport; 1886, Thos. H. Lee, Post 57, Red Oak; 1887, C.H. Brock, Post 94, Marshalltown; 1888, Thomas Beaumont, Post 156, Lake City.

JUDGE-ADVOCATES

1879, W.P. Hepburn, P. Hepburn, Post 10, Bedford; 1880, J.G. Newbold, Post 20, Mt. Pleasant; 1881, A.H. Botkin, Post 7, Des Moines; 1882, E.J. Abbott, Post 29, Council Bluffs; 1883, O.L. French, Post 59, Missouri Valley; 1884, P.M. Sutton, Post 94, Marshalltown; 1885, Josiah Given, Post 12, Des Moines; 1886, Albert Head, Post 23, Jefferson; 1887, Warren S. Dungan, Post 18, Chariton; 1888, Geo. M. Van Leuven, Post 217, Lime Springs.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1879, F. Olmstead, Post 7, Des Moines; succeeded, September 6, by W.W. Fink, Post 12, Des Moines; 1880, Robert Aiton, Post 7, Des Moines; 1881, A. Cully, Post 7, Des Moines; 1882, Robert Aiton, Post 7, Des Moines; succeeded July 12, by Horace J. Wolfe, Post 53, Jessup; 1883, W.T. Wilkinson, Post 7, Des Moines; 1884, Milo J. Sherman, Post 104, Fredericksburg; 1885, Henry Wilson, Post 30, Ames; 1886, C.H. Talmage, Post 48, West Union; 1887, Phil. Schaller, Post 284, Sac City; 1888, E.M.B. Scott, Post 69, Ottumwa.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1879 – J.C. Bonnell, Post 5, Burlington; J.M. Haver, Post 6, Atlantic; W.F. Conrad, Post 7, Des Moines; H.L. Darnell, Post 8, Marne; W.F. Evans, Post 10, Bedford.

1880 – Josiah Given, Post 12, Des Moines; C.W. Nelson, Post 7, Des Moines; H.E. Griswold, Post 6, Atlantic; M.T. Russell, Post 12, Des Moines; L.E. Ayers, Post 7, Des Moines.

1881 – H.E. Griswold, re-elected; W.F. Conrad, Post 7, Des Moines; Geo. B. Hogin, Post 16, Newton; W. Merrill, Post 12, Des Moines; M.S. Crawford, Post 19, Fairfield

1882 – W.F. Conrad, re-elected; P.V. Carey, Post 21, Des Moines; M.T.V. Bowman, Post 12, Des Moines; J.J. Bolin, Post 29, Council Bluffs; Aaron Brown, Post 46, Fayette.

1883 – P.V. Carey, re-elected; S.E. Whicher, Post 33, Manning; Henry Wilson, Post 30, Ames; C.A. Robertson, Post 87, Mapleton; W.H. Mix, Post 73, Eldon.

1884 – P.V. Carey, re-elected; John B. Cooke, Post 44, Carroll; W.R. Manning, Post 16, Newton; W.T. Rigby, Post 109, Stanwood; Geo. L. Wright, Post 58, Denison.

1885 – P.V. Carey, W.T. Rigby, Geo. L. Wright, re-elected; J.L. Geddes, Post 98, Vinton; Thos. Beaumont, Post 156, Lake city.

1886 – W.O. Mitchell, Post 324, Corning; W.T. Wilkinson, Post 7, Des Moines; Geo. A. Day, Post 190, Manchester; J.K. Deal, Post 44, Carroll; S.E. Robinson, Post 48, West Union.

1887 – D.G. Eldredge, Post 339, Sanborn; A.R. Fuller, Post 61, Creston; G.A. Newman, Post 222, Cedar Falls; J.W. Hatton, Post 44, Carroll; E.A. Consigny, Post 123, Avoca.

1888 – Mason P. Mills, Post 235, Cedar rapids; J.S. Lothrop, Post 22, Sioux City; L.B. Raymond, Post 81, Hampton; J.J. Steadman, Post 29, Council Bluffs; William Dean, Post 110, Tipton.

STATE LEGISLATURE

SOLDIERS' HOME

The Iowa Soldiers' Home is located on a tract of 128 acres at Marshalltown, donated by its citizens with \$12,000 in cash, and free water for five years voted by the city.

By Act of March 31, 1886, \$75,000 was appropriated for building and furnishing, and \$2,000 for the first year's expenses. The main building is of stone and brick, 210 feet by 120 feet, four stories in height, and is heated by steam and lighted by gas. It was dedicated December 1, 1887, and has accommodations for 400 inmates.

Disabled and dependent ex-soldiers and sailors of Iowa, and those of other States who have resided in the State three years next preceding their application are eligible for admission.

The Commissioners of the Home are J.M. Tuttle, Chairman; J.J. Russell, Secretary; C.W. Burdick, Treasurer; S.L. Dows, N.A. Merrill and G.A. Madison. Colonel Milo Smith is Commandant of the Home and Captain A.D. Gaston, Adjutant.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME

The State has maintained from one to three Homes for soldiers' orphans at a total expense of \$1,127,602, and 2,000 children have thus been cared for.

The first opened in 1863, at Davenport, by private contributions. It was transferred to the State June 30, 1866. On September 20, 1865, the second Home was opened at Cedar Falls. It closed June 7, 1876, and its inmates were transferred to the Home in Davenport. The third Home was

opened in November 1866, at Glenwood. It closed January 29, 1875, when its inmates were transferred to the Davenport Home, which now has 315 children in charge.

RELIEF

By an Act approved March 31, 1888, it is provided:

That the board of supervisors of the several counties of this State are hereby authorized to levy, in addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax not exceeding three-tenths of one mill * * * for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief and for funeral expenses of honorably discharged indigent soldiers, sailors and marines, and the indigent wives, widows and minor children not over fourteen years of age in the case of boys and not over sixteen years of age in the case of girls, of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors or marines, having a legal residence in said county, to be disbursed as hereinafter provided.

The Act provides for the appointment of three persons as a soldiers' Relief Commission, at least two of whom shall be honorably discharged Union soldiers, "to examine and determine who are entitled to relief: determine the probable amount necessary for the purpose, and the Board of Supervisors shall make the necessary levies to raise the required relief fund.

BURIAL

The County Supervisors are required to pay the funeral expenses of any deceased soldier or sailor dying in indigent circumstances, the cost for interment not to exceed \$35.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a legal holiday in Iowa.

GRAND ARMY BADGE

By Act approved April 9, 1888, it is a misdemeanor to wear the badge or button of the Grand Army of the Republic, or the rosette of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, unless duly entitled to do so, under penalty of not exceeding thirty days imprisonment or fine not to exceed \$20.

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

On August 1, 1866, by invitation of Governor W.R. Marshall, formerly Colonel 7th Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, a number of Union Veterans met in the Governor's room at the Capitol, for the purpose of consulting with Colonel John M. Snyder, Quartermaster-General Grand Army of the republic, about effecting an organization of the Grand Army of the Republic in Minnesota. Governor Marshall presided at the meeting, and after an explanation of the purposes of the

Order, the following named signed the Constitution, and were duly initiated by Colonel Snyder.

General John B. Sanborn, General W.R. Marshall, General H.P. Van Cleve, Colonel H.C. Rogers, Colonel John P. Owens, Lieutenant A.P. Connelly, Captain E.Y. Shelley, Dr. Brewer Mattocks, Captain Emil Munch, Major H. Von Minden, Captain Miles Hollister, Colonel Ross Wilkinson, Colonel John Moulton, Edward Richards, M.R. Merrill, and Dr. J.H. Stewart.

The following officers were selected as officers of the Provisional Department: Commander, John B. Sanborn; Adjutant-General, E.Y. Shelley; Assistant Adjutant-General, A.P. Connelly; Quartermaster-General, Miles Hollister.

A convention was held at St. Paul, October 16, 1866, to organize the permanent Department, when seven Posts were represented; these were located at St. Paul, Red Wing, Minneapolis, St. Anthony, Farmington, Lake City and one in Brown County.

General Sanborn was elected Grand Commander, but soon after left the State and remained absent for several years. No one took up his work, and the Department organization was for a time practically abandoned, though several Posts kept up their meetings.

On August 14, 1867, under a call issued by Comrade Frank Daggett, Commander of the Post at Wabasha, approved by Commander-in-Chief Hurlbut, the representatives of Posts in Minneapolis, St. Anthony, Winona, Richfield, St. Cloud, St. Paul and Wabasha met in Minneapolis and elected a full corps of officers.

At the next meeting of the Encampment, January 3, 1868, thirty-six representatives were present from five Posts, and, though small in number, they determined to begin the work of having the soldiers' and sailors' orphans properly cared for by securing the establishment by the State of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home.

General J.W. Sprague, of Winona, Major H.G. Hicks, Minneapolis, and Captain E.H. Kennedy, Owatonna, was appointed a committee to bring the subject before the Legislature. Their efforts were entirely successful, and the soldiers' orphans were gathered as wards by the State in a Home established in Winona, which was maintained up to 1881 at a total cost of \$110,102.23.

Notwithstanding the earnest efforts of the Department Officers, the increase of membership was very small during the next four years.

In 1876, and again in 1877, the grasshopper-plague devastated the State, and so impoverished the many veterans who had settled on farms that they were compelled to relinquish membership in the Order. After this, the Department organization was but nominal up to 1879, when it was given up, as only one Post, that at Stillwater, then kept up its meetings.

From 1866 to 1879 meetings were held as follows:

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

October 16, 1866, St. Paul; August 14, 1867, Minneapolis; January 3, 1868, Minneapolis; January 26, 1869, Winona; January 7, 1870; Minneapolis; January 24, 1871, Rochester; January 16, 1872, St. Paul; December 26, 1872,

St. Paul; January 21, 1874, Minneapolis; January 27, 1875, St. Paul; January 26, 1876, Minneapolis; January 25, 1877, Stillwater; January 30th, 1878, Stillwater; January 21, 1879, Shakopee.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

July 4, 1868, Owatonna; August 19, 1869, Faribault; July 20, 1870, St. Paul; July 11, 1871, Minneapolis.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1866, *Provisional*, John B. Sanborn, St. Paul; August 14, 1867, Frank Daggett, Post 1, Wabasha; 1868, H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1869, J.W. Sprague, Post 4, Winona; 1870-71, J.C. Hamilton, Post 13, Rochester; 1872-74, Henry A. Castle, Post 21, St. Paul; 1875, D.W. Albaugh, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1876, Geo. H. Johnson, Post 30, Detroit; 1877, D.B. Loomis, Post 14, Stillwater; 1878, Wm. Wilson, Post 31, Shakopee; 1879, L.G. Bennett, Post 14, Stillwater.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1866-68, W.T. Collins, St. Cloud; 1869, J.C. Hamilton; 1870, O.B. Gould, Post 4, Winona; 1871, H.A. Castle; 1872, I.M. Carpenter, Post 22, Sauk Center; 1873-74, D.W. Albaugh; 1875, Geo. H. Johnson; 1876, Jacob Meese, Post 21, St. Paul; 1877, John McCullum, Post 41, Cottage Grove; 1878, C.H. Cobb, Post 14, Stillwater; 1879, C.S. Stoddard, Post 31, Shakopee

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1867, Wm. Lochren, St. Anthony; 1868, A.B. Webber, Post 5, Owatonna; 1870, H.J. Gillem, Post 12, Austin; 1871, I.M. Carpenter; 1872, D.W. Albaugh; 1873, E.M. Bloomer, Post 26, Duluth; 1874, Geo. H. Johnson; 1875, Jacob Meese; 1876, F. Siebold, Post 14, Stillwater; 1877, J.C.C. George, Post 38, Winona; 1878, A.J. Schofield, Post 41, Cottage Grove; 1879, H.D. Carter, Post 31, Shakopee

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1867, A.A. Ames, Minneapolis; 1868, J.B. McGaughey, Post 4, Winona; 1870, Levi Butler, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1871, J.R. Dart, Post 23, Mantorville; 1872, J.H. Murphy, Post 21, St. Paul; 1873, W.F. Hutchinson, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1874-75 R.D. Barber, Post 34, Worthington; 1876, A.A. Ames, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1877-78, C.S. Stoddard, Post 31, Shakopee; 1879, J.C. Rhodes, Post 14, Stillwater.

CHAPLAINS

1867, J.C. Whitney, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1868, R.H. Conwell, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1870, W.S. Wilson, Post 5, Owatonna; 1871, C.H. Oakes, Post 4, Winona; 1872, C.C.

Salter, Post 26, Duluth; 1873-78, John E. Wood, Post 30, Detroit City; 1879, J.C. Rhodes, Post 14, Stillwater.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1866, John Moulton, St. Paul; 1867-68, O.L. Dudley, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1869, W.T. Collins; 1870, H.G. Hicks; resigned succeeded by D.H. Williams, Post 13, Rochester; 1872-74, True S. White, Post 21, St. Paul; 1875, H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1876, F.M. Finch, Post 21, St. Paul; 1877, J.J. McCardy, Post 21, St. Paul; 1878, F.M. Finch, Post 21, St. Paul.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1866, Miles Hollister, St. Paul; 1867, G.W. Thurman, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1868, J.C. Hamilton, Post 5, Owatonna; 1869, W.F. Morse, Post 6, St. Cloud; 1870, R.C. Olin, Post 5, Owatonna; 1871, Geo. F. Allen; Post 13, Rochester; 1872-73, Benj. Brack, Post 21, St. Paul; 1874, H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1875, L.P. Plummer, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1876-77, John C. Hamilton, Post 21, St. Paul; 1878, Henry A. Castle, Post 21, St. Paul.

INSPECTORS

1870, H.C. Whitney, Post 11, Faribault; 1871, H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis; 1872, J.C. Palmer, Post 4, Winona; 1873, William Wilson, Post 31, Shakopee; 1874, J.J. McCardy, Post 21, St. Paul; 1877, C.A. Bennett, Post 14, Stillwater; 1878, D.W. Albaugh, Post 3, Minneapolis.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1870, H.A. Kimball; 1871, O.B. Gould, Post 4, Winona; 1872, A.N. Seip, Post 26, Duluth; 1873-74, Albert N. Seip, Post 26, Duluth; 1875, O.B. Gould, Post 4, Winona; 1877-78, H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1866 – S. Lee Davis, Edward, Anderson (See Chaplain-in-Chief, Chapter XXVI), E.M. Wilson, J.H. Donaldson, Geo. A. Clark.

1867 – C.C. Andrews, St. Cloud; Geo. Smith, Osseo; J.P. Owen, St. Paul; D.W. Albaugh, Richfield; G.A. McDougall, Wabasha.

1868 – G.A. McDougall, re-elected; Frank Daggett, Wabasha; G.W. Shuman, Minneapolis; F.J. Mead, Shakopee; Wm. Lochren, St. Anthony.

1870 – H. A. Castle, Post 21, St. Paul; O.B. Gould, Post 13, Winona; W.H. Houlton, Post 15, Elk River; J.B. McGaughey, Post 4, Winona; A.B. Webber, Post 5, Owatonna.

1871 – W.H. Houlton, J.B. McGaughey, re-elected; M.D. Flower, Post 21, St. Paul; E.M. Marshall, Post 3, Minneapolis; A.J. Edgerton, Post 23, Mantorville.

1872 – James George, Post 13, Rochester; L.L. Baxter, Post 25, Carver; H.J. Gillham, Post 12, Austin; H.G. Hicks, Post 3, Minneapolis; J.O. Milne, Post 22, Sauk Centre.

1873 – J.C. Palmer, Post 4, Winona; Stephen Miller, Post 34, Worthington; Geo. H. Johnson, Post 30, Detroit City; A. Barto, Post 22, Sauk Centre; H. Clay Whitney, Post 11, Faribault.

1874 – O.B. Gould, Post 4, Winona; James George, Post 13, Rochester; William Wilson, Post 31, Shakopee; T.H. Pressnell, Post 26, Duluth; James Murison, Post 3, Minneapolis.

1875 - T.C. Bell, Post 34, Worthington; L.P. Plummer, Post 3, Minneapolis; True S. White, Post 21, St. Paul; D.W. Coulthard, Post 31, Shakopee; W.H. Houlton, Post 15, Elk River

1876 – W.C. Wilson, Post 21, St. Paul; A.A. Clausen, Post 3, Minneapolis; William Wilson, Post 31, Shakopee; M. Grinager, Post 34, Worthington; D.B. Loomis, Post 14, Stillwater.

1877 – W.C. Wilson, re-elected; H.G. Hicks, Post 3 Minneapolis; F. Siebold, Post 14, Stillwater; Chauncey Chase, Post 31, Shakopee; A.J. Schofield, Post 41, Cottage Grove.

1878 – Chauncey Chase, F. Siebold, W.C. Wilson, re-elected; Wm. Fowler, Newport; C.S. Stoddard, Post 31, Shakopee.

1879 – F. Siebold, C.S. Stoddard, re-elected; F.E. Joy, Post 14, Stillwater; Charles Bornarth, Post 31, Shakopee, D.B. Loomis, Post 14, Stillwater

REORGANIZATION

Upon request of Post 14, of Stillwater, one of its active members, Adam Marty, was, in May 1880, appointed Provisional Commander; F. Siebold, Senior Vice; F.E. Joy, Junior Vice; Samuel Bloomer, Assistant Adjutant-General and Myron Shepard, Assistant Quartermaster-General.

This Post took a new charter as Post No. 1, and Commander Marty organized the following Posts: No. 2, Anoka, October 28, 1880; No. 3, Spring Valley, December 4, 1880; No. 4, Minneapolis, January 18, 1881; No. 5, Albert Lea, January 28, 1881; No. 6, Taylor's Falls, June 11, 1881; No. 7, Marshall, July 22, 1881. Acker Post No. 21, St. Paul

was at the time in operation, but had not reported to the Department Commander.

On August 17, 1881, representatives of these Posts assembled at Stillwater, and organized the permanent Department. Comrade Adam Marty was elected Department Commander. In 1882, ten Posts were added; in 1883, forty-two Posts and 1,907 members; in 1884, fifty-nine Posts and 3,478 members.

Since the reorganization in 1880, meetings have been held and officers have served as follows:

ANNUAL ENCAMPMENTS

August 17, 1881, Stillwater; January 18, 1882, Minneapolis; January 17, 1883, St. Paul; January 17, 1884, Stillwater; February 5, 1885, Minneapolis; February 10, 1886, Faribault; February 9, 1887, St. Paul; February 24, 1888, Minneapolis.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

August 9, 1882 and August 9, 1883, Lake Minnetonka; June 10, 1885, St. Peter; July 19, 1886, Minneapolis.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1881-82, Adam Marty, Post 1, Stillwater; 1883, John P. Rea, Post 4, Minneapolis (See Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXVI); 1884, E.C. Babb, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1885, R.A. Becker, Post 8, St. Paul; 1886, William Thomas, Post 19, Mankato; 1887, L.L. Wheelock, Post 81, Owatonna; 1888, James H. Ege, Post 4, Minneapolis.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1881-82 John P. Rea; 1883-84, R.A. Baker; 1885, Wm. Thomas; 1886, L.L. Wheelock; 1887, E.R. Jefferson, Post 13, Duluth; 1888, Edwin Dunn, Post 44, Rochester

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1881-82, Chas. C. Whitney, Post 7, Marshall; 1883, A.R. Burleson, Post 3, Spring Valley; 1884, R.R. Miller, Post 34, Worthington; 1885, Geo. S. Canfield, Post 30, Brainerd; 1886, V.H. Harris, Post 35, Litchfield; 1887, Jas. H. Ege; 1888, James Compton, Post 33, Fergus Falls.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1881-84, J.C. Rhodes, Post 1, Stillwater; 1885-86, H.W. Brazie, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1887, D.P. Kennedy, Post 35, Litchfield; 1888, Henry Wilson, Post 139, Woodstock

CHAPLAINS

1881-82, W.H. Harrington, Post 1, Stillwater; 1883, J.W. Liscombe, Post 19, Mankato; 1884, R.V. Adams, Post 33, Fergus falls; 1885, J.N. Brown, Post 81, Owatonna; 1886-88, W.E. Stanley, Post 66, Austin.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1881-83, Samuel Bloomer, Post 1, Stillwater; 1884-85, H.A. Norton, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1886, Daniel Fish, Post 126, Minneapolis *See Adjutant-General, Chapter XXVI); 1887, W.W. Braden, Post 21, St. Paul; 1888, Geo. W. Grant, Post 4, Minneapolis.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1881-82, Fred. Siebold, Post 1, Stillwater; 1883, N.C. Simmilkler, Post 2, Anoka; 1884, Lewis Maish, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1885, R.V. Pratt, Post 21, St. Paul; 1886, Geo. W. Mead, Post 19, Mankato; 1887-88, E.N. Leavens, Post 123, Faribault

INSPECTORS

1881, W.H.H. Taylor, Post 1, Stillwater; 1882, H.G. Ghostly, Post 2, Anoka; 1883, T.G. Pressnell, Post 13, Duluth; 1884, L. Brigham, Post 8, St. Paul; 1885, Fred. Siebold, Post 8, St. Paul; 1886, C.C. Andrews, Post 21, St. Paul; 1887, J.A. Leonard, Post 44, Rochester; 1888, Geo. B. Arnold, Post 32, Kasson.

JUDGE-ADVOCATES

1881-82, W.P. Roberts, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1883, Edward Simonton, Post 21, St. Paul; 1884-85, A.R. Burleson, Post 3, Spring Valley; 1886, L.M. Lange, Post 34, Worthington; 1887, C.J. Bartleson, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1888, Walter T. Burr, Post 21, St. Paul.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1881, E.D. Taylor, Post 1, Stillwater; 1883, W.H. Harrington, Post 1, Stillwater; 1884-85, A.F. Foster, Post 4, Minneapolis; 1886, Mark D. Flower, Post 21, St. Paul; 1887, S.W. Hays, Post 85, Redwood Falls; 1888, W.O. Kittleson, Post 72, Minneapolis.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1881- J.N. Pride, Post 2, Anoka; D.M. Gilmore, Post 4, Minneapolis; R.A. Burleson, Post 3, Spring Valley; J.P. Green, Post 5, Alberta Lea; I. Van Vleck, Post 7, Marshall

1882 – D.M. Gilmore, J.N. Pride, R.A. Burleson, re-elected; J.W. Liscombe, Post 7, Marshall; R.A. Becker, Post 8, St. Paul

1883 – W.T. Burr, Post 21, St. Paul; C.N. Nichols, Post 13, Duluth; R.C. Livingston, Post 3, Spring Valley; Geo. S. Brown, Post 1, Stillwater; J.H. Ege, Post 4, Minneapolis

1884 – C.N. Nichols, R.C. Livingston, re-elected; Thos. Montgomery, Post 37, St. Peter; J.A. Reed, Post 1, Stillwater; E.M. Pope, Post 19, Mankato.

1885 –86- Thos. Montgomery, R.C. Livingston, re-elected; L.G. Nelson, Post 32, Kasson; A.H. Reed, Post 28, Glencoe; Perry Starkweather, Post 68, St. Paul

1887-88- Thos. Montgomery, L.G. Nelson. P. Starkweather, R.C. Livingston, re-elected; J.M.D. Craft, Post 47, Farmington

MINNESOTA SOLDIERS' HOME

The above Home was instituted under an Act of the Legislature approved March 2, 1887.

Honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served during the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, or in the campaign against the Indians in Minnesota in 1862, are eligible to admission. A residence of one year is required of applicants who enlisted in other States.

The Board of Trustees appointed under the Act were: Henry A. Castle, President, St. Paul; R.R. Henderson, Vice President, Minneapolis, L.A. Hancock, Red Wing; Wm. P. Dunnington, Redwood Falls; T.F. Cowing, Fergus Falls; A.A. Brown, Alexandria; A.E. Christie, Austin; O.M. Sawyer, Secretary, Minneapolis.

The land for the Home was donated by the City of Minneapolis. It consists of a tract of fifty acres, situated at Minnehaha Falls, and is valued at \$50,000.

The cottage system has been adopted, and the first buildings will be ready for occupancy in the winter of 1888.

The State appropriated \$50,000 for building purposes, and \$20,000 for maintenance for the year 1888. The sum of \$70,000 was appropriated for temporary aid, until buildings were ready for occupancy.

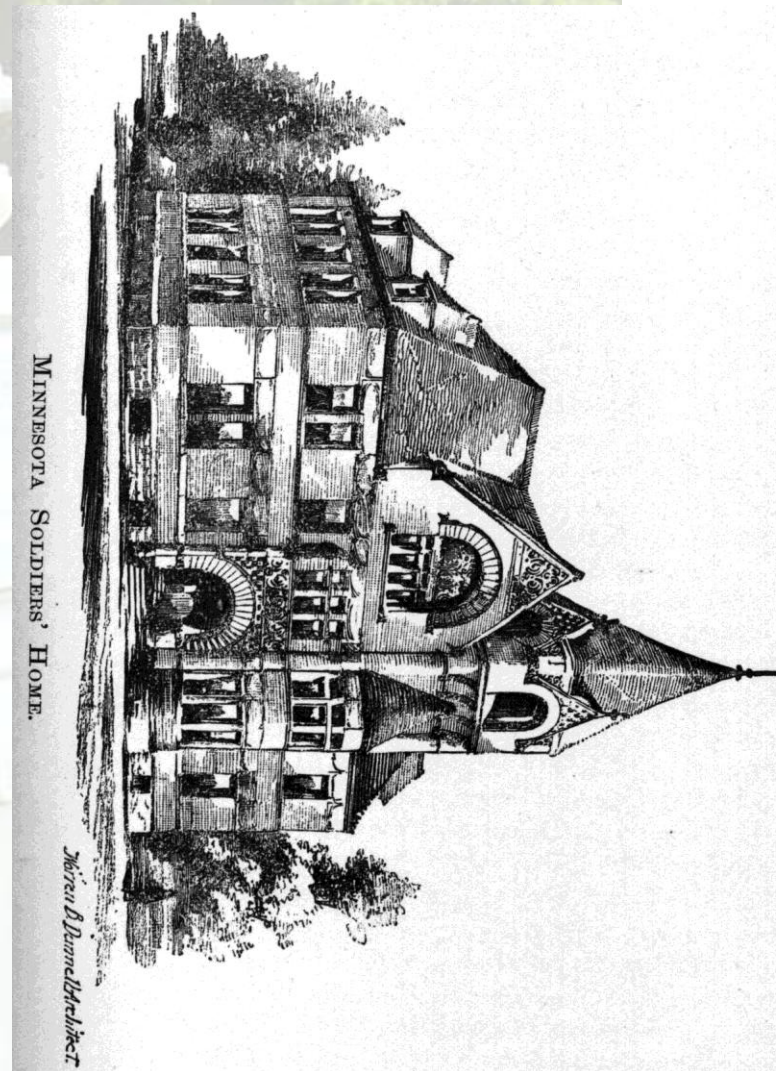
OTHER RELIEF

In addition to the appropriation for the erection and maintenance of the Home the Legislators directed the levying of a State tax of one-tenth of one mill to constitute a Soldiers' Relief Fund, to be disbursed by the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home for the relief, at their own homes, of those it is deemed best not to separate from their families, and the widows, minor orphans and dependent parents of deceased soldiers, sailors and marines.

This tax will provide about \$45,000 annually. For immediate relief before this tax could be levied, the Legislature appropriated the sum of \$20,000.

BURIAL OF DECEASED VETERANS

By Act approved March 2, 1887, provision was made for the decent interment of all honorably discharged soldiers and sailors who served during the rebellion, or in the Mexican war, and of Minnesota soldiers who served against the Indians in 1862, who may die without leaving means for funeral expenses. The cost was limited to \$35 for funeral expenses and \$15 for a headstone.

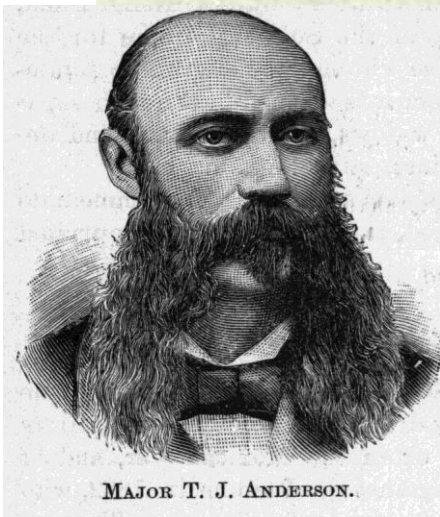


DEPARTMENT OF KANSAS

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Henry S. Greeno, 4th Arkansas Cavalry, located in Topeka, Kansas, September 1865.

In December 1865, he organized a secret society of Soldiers and Sailors, under the title of the "Veteran Brotherhood." A constitution and ritual was adopted. Colonel Greeno was elected Commander of the first Camp at Topeka; Captain Louis Hasbrouck, Senior Vice Commander; Captain Elridge Grier, Adjutant, and Captain John Searl, Quartermaster. Governor Crawford and some thirty others were also soon initiated into this Camp. Colonel Greeno and Captain Chester Thomas made a trip through the State to organize other Camps. The second was at Leavenworth, Colonel D.R. Anthony, Commander, and General – now Governor – John A. Martin was elected Commander of a Camp at Atchison.

A State Convention was held in Topeka, June 1866 when Colonel J.C. Hayes, of Olanthe, was elected State Commander.



The Veterans Brotherhood was represented in the Grand Army Convention at Indianapolis, November 1866, by Major Thos. J. Anderson, of Topeka. Upon his motion, a resolution was adopted to receive all Camps of the Veteran Brotherhood into the Grand Army of the Republic without additional expense to them.

Upon his return to Kansas, the State Camp called to meet in Topeka, December 7, 1866, when the following was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Veteran Brotherhood of Kansas, be, and is hereby transferred to the Grand Army of the Republic, and that we hereby adopt the Ritual and agree to be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Other resolutions provided for the transfer of the books, papers and funds. The representatives were then initiated into the Grand Army of the Republic by Major Anderson.

Department Officers were elected as follows: Grand Commander John A. Martin, Topeka; Assistant Adjutant-General John I. Boyd, Topeka; Quartermaster-General, L.T. Green, Baldwin City; Council of Administration – H.S. Greeno, J.P. Root, G.W. Weed, F.M. Stahl, J.A. Lee.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Legislature to provide for the erection of a monument to the memory of Kansas soldiers who had fallen in defense of their country during the rebellion.

At the time of the transfer of the Veteran Brotherhood there were thirty-two Camps in existence with about seventeen hundred and fifty members. The first report of the Department of Kansas, Grand Army of the Republic to National Headquarters, stated that fifty Posts had been organized up to that date.

A meeting of the Department was held in Topeka, January 9, 1868, but no report of its action was made to National Headquarters, and the Department was soon disbanded.

A Provisional organization was established in February 1872, with W.S. Jenkins as Provisional Commander, but it appears that only one Post, that at Independence, with sixteen members, was then in existence. Later, however, Commander Jenkins succeeded in re-establishing several Posts, and in 1875 reported one hundred and forty-five members.

In 1876, Colonel John Guthrie was appointed Provisional Commander, with J.C. Walkinshaw, of Leavenworth, as Assistant Adjutant-General. Later Colonel Guthrie resigned and J.H. Gilpatrick was appointed. He was succeeded in 1879 by Major J.C. Walkinshaw, who is entitled to the credit of restoring Kansas to its position as a permanent Department.

In addition to his labors in Kansas, he supervised the formation of Frank P. Blair at St. Louis, and also aided in the organization of a Post at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Kansas was recognized as a permanent Department March 16, 1880, the officers having been formally elected in February.



J.C. Walkinshaw, Department Commander; J.B. Logan, Senior Vice Commander; S.N. Hopper, Junior Vice Commander, and A. St. Clair, Assistant Adjutant-General. These officers served until 1882, with exception of the Assistant Adjutant-General, who removed from the State and was succeeded by Joseph McDonnell.

In 1878 an interesting soldiers' reunion was held in Leavenworth, largely attended by veterans from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Colorado, and a more general interest was thereafter shown in the organization in that State. Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief Paul Van Der Voort was the principal speaker. One of the topics discussed was the need of a Soldiers' Home, and a committee was appointed to secure the co-operation of the adjoining States, which action later resulted, as elsewhere reported, in the establishment of a National Branch of the Soldiers' Homes at Leavenworth.

In 1881, the membership in Kansas was 1,041; in 1882, 6,632, and in 1883, 16,551. The only Post organized in the Indian Territory, Cabin Creek Post No. 1, at Vinita, was attached to the Department of Kansas in 1883.

Meetings have been held and officers elected or appointed in the Department since the reorganization as follows:

ANNUAL MEETINGS

January 18, 1882, Topeka; II. January 25, 1883, Wyandotte; III, February 6, 1884, Topeka; IV. March 10, 1885, Fort Scott; V. February 23, 1886, Wichita; VI. March 8, 1887, Abilene; VII. February 21, 1888, Winfield.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1881-82, J.C. Walkinshaw, Post 16, Leavenworth; 1883, Thos. J. Anderson, Post 1, Topeka; 1884, Homer W. Pond, Post 32, Fort Scott; 1885, Milton Stewart, Post 25, Wichita; 1886, C.J. McDivitt, Post 63, Abilene; 1887, T.H. Soward, Post 85, Winfield; 1888, J.W. Feighan, Post 55, Emporia.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

1881, J.B. Logan, Post 9, Marysville; 1882-83, H.L. Millard, Post 14, Sterling; 1884, C.J. McDivitt; 1885, T. McCarthy, Post 8, Larned; 1886, T.H. Soward; 1887, J.W. Feighan; 1888, Henry Booth, Post 8, Larned.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1881, J.H. Hopper; 1882-83, Homer W. Pond; 1884, T. McCarthy; 1885, S.H. Maunder, Post 5, Washington; 1886, J.D. Barker, Post 49, Girard; 1887, L.C. Smith, Post 76, Stockton; 1888, W.H. Young, Kansas City, Kansas.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1881 J.Q. Marshall; 1882-83, J.S. Chase, Post 20, Lyons; 1884, J.W. Crowley, Post 127, Salina; 1885, J.L. Carnahan, Post 3, Pleasanton; 1886, J.M. Lewis, Post 299, Kinsley; 1887, Henry C. Gill, Post 66, El Dorado; 1888, W.H. Lemon, Post 168, Winchester.

CHAPLAINS

1881-82, O.R. McNary, Post 6, Leavenworth; 1883, M.D. Tenney, Post 132, Junction City; 1884-86, Allen Beckner, Post 40, Baldwin City; 1887, Bernard Kelley, Post 85, Winfield; 1888, John Wilson, Post 198, Oberlin.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1881, A. St. Clair, Post 6, Leavenworth; resigned June 11; succeeded by Jos. McDonnell; 1882, Wm. Leeper, Post 6, Leavenworth; 1883, H.X. Devendorf, Post 1, Topeka; 1884, W.B. Shockley, Post 32, Fort Scott; 1885, L.N. Woodcock, Post 25, Wichita; 1886, W.T. Davidson, Post 63, Abilene; 1887, A.H. Limerick, Post 85, Winfield; 1888, O.H. Coulter, Post 7, Council Grove.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

1881-82, P.Y. Tonkinson, Post 4, Independence; 1883, Geo. L. Murdock, Post 71, Topeka; 1884, C.H. Haynes, Post 32, Fort Scott; 1885, Murray Myers, Post 25, Wichita; resigned August 16; John A. Doran, Post 25, Wichita; 1886, H.D. Baker, Post 127, Salina; 1887, A.B. Arment, Post 85, Winfield; 1888, Chas. Harris, Post 55, Emporia.

INSPECTORS

1881-82, H.X. Devendorff, Post 1, Topeka; 1883, Lafayette C. Smith, Post 76, Stockton; 1884, Geo. S. Hampton, Post 59, Columbus; 1885, H.M. Miller, Post 51, Iola; 1886, Jesse Ask, Post 25, Wichita; 1887, M.P. Isenburg, Post 76, Stockton; 1888, Albert Magoffin, Post 20, Lyons.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1881-82, L.H. Lange, Post 27, Caldwell; 1883-84, S.B. Bradford, Post 94, Carbondale; 1885, W.A. McDonald, Post 57, Wellington; 1886, L.J. Webb, Post 1, Topeka; 1887,

W.W. Martin, Post 32, Fort Scott; 1888, A.B. Campbell, Post 1, Topeka.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1881-82, J.S. Clark, Post 28, Wyandotte; 1883, T.H. Soward, Post 85, Winfield; 1884, S.R. Burch, Post 68, Olathe; 1885, H.B. Hughbanks, Post 11, Osage; 1886, W.A. Gerhardt, Post 22, Ellsworth; 1887, Henry Booth, Post 8, Larned; 1888, Geo. K. Spencer, Post 433, Grove City.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1882- S.E. Sheldon, Post 1, Topeka; T.L. Marshall, Post 11, Osage City; J.P. Crane, Post 12, Lawrence; C.C. Whitson, Post 15, Cottonwood Falls; N.W. Barnet, Post 3, Pleasanton.

1883 – W.R. Jenkins, Post 88, Clay Centre; O.R. McNary, Post 6, Leavenworth; C.H. Haynes, Post 32, Fort Scott; J.E. Davis, Post 14, Sterling; S.D. Underwood, Post 132, Junction City.

1884 – T.J. Anderson, Post 1, Topeka; M. Stewart, Post 25, Wichita; W.A. Gebhardt, Post 22, Ellsworth; T.S. Stover, Post 51, Iola; De Witt Goodrich, Post 117, Paola.

1885 – O.C. Hill, Post 130, Hiawatha; C.A. Norton, Post 147, Beliot; J.S. Clark, Post 28, Wyandotte; G.M. Stratton, Post 88, Clay Centre; S.W. Kniffin, Post 350, Parsons.

1886 – G.M. Stratton, re-elected; R.M. Blair, Post 301, Stafford; J.P. Crane, Post 12, Lawrence; A.G. Hardesty, Post 258, Lincoln; J.T. Brady, Post 175, Sabetha.

1887 – O.H. Coulter, Post 7, Council Grove; John Fulton, Post 175, Sabetha; A.L. Vorhees, Post 164, Russell; I.W. Stone, Post 1, Lawrence; R.G. Ward, Post 74, Sedan

1888 – W.C. Whitney, Post 43, Cawker City; H.E. Richter, Post 7, Council Grove; O.E. Morse, Post 33, Mound City; F.B. Webster, Post 87, McPherson; Ira F. Collins, Post 175, Sabetha.

REUNIONS

Kansas, with other western States, is noted for the immense crowds that attend the annual reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic. These have been held in different sections of the State, but it has now been deemed advisable to permanently locate State camps at two points, to be held at each alternately, Topeka and Ellsworth, both places having offered to make liberal provision for the accommodation of all members of the Grand Army, and visitors in attendance at these reunions.

The Fifth Annual Reunion, at Topeka, October 1-6, 1888, was very successful. General Alex. McD. McCook, Colonel 6th U.S. Infantry, was present with his regiment and detachments of artillery and cavalry of the regular service.

Nearly all the States of the Union were represented by veteran soldiers and sailors.

SOLDIERS' ORPHANS' HOME

By the liberal donations by the city of Atchison, of 160 acres of land, costing \$16,000 and the sum of \$5,000 in cash, a Home for the orphans of Union soldiers and sailors has been established near that city.

The State provided for the erection of the buildings and maintenance of the Home. The main buildings and equipments have cost \$49,000. The cottage system was adopted, and a number of cottages, to accommodate each from thirty to thirty-five children, will be soon erected. At present (1888) one hundred and five children are in the Home.

STATE SOLDIERS' HOME

The establishment of a branch of the National Homes at Leavenworth has afforded only partial relief in caring for needy veterans of the State, and the Department Encampment has adopted measures to secure a State Home. It is proposed that the State purchase not less than 640 acres of land and build thereon cottages, where all able to do any work may wholly or partially maintain themselves. It is proposed that not only soldiers, sailors and marines, in need, can thus be aided, but their wives and their children under fifteen years of age, so that families need not be broken up. It is intended also to make provision for army nurses who served in the hospitals during the war, and the widows of deceased Union veterans.

LEGISLATION

MEMORIAL DAY

The 30th of May was made a legal holiday by the Legislature in 1886.

INTERMENT OF VETERANS

By Act approved 1885, provision is made for the decent burial of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who may die without leaving sufficient means to defray funeral expenses. Such interment shall not be made in any burial ground used exclusively for the burial of the pauper dead. The expenses are not to exceed fifty dollars, and twenty dollars is allowed for a headstone, all to be paid by the county in which the deceased veteran resided at the time of his death.

PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

By Act Passed 1886:

In grateful recognition of the services, sacrifices and sufferings of persons who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, and have been honorably discharged therefrom, they shall be preferred for

appointment and employment to positions in every public department, and upon all public works of the State of Kansas, and of the cities and towns of the State, over other persons of equal qualifications; and persons thus preferred shall not be disqualified from holding any position in said service on account of his age, nor by reason of any physical disability; provided such age or disability does not render him incompetent to perform the duties of the position applied for.

SEC. 2. In making any reduction of force in any of the departments, cities, or towns of the State, the officers of such department, city or town shall retain those persons who may be equally qualified who have been honorably discharged from the military or naval service of the United States, and the widows and orphans of deceased soldiers and sailors.

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

Nebraska was first constituted a Provisional Department July 10, 1867, but no reports were made to National Headquarters, and it was soon dropped from the rolls.

In 1874, Comrade J.E. Philpott was appointed Provisional Commander. On August 26, he was at his own request, relieved and Comrade Paul Van Der Voort, who had in February resigned as Assistant Adjutant General, Department of Illinois, by reason of his locating in Omaha, was appointed. Comrade Otto Funcke, Lincoln, was appointed Senior Vice Commander; Webster Eaton, Kearny, Junior Vice Commander; Lee J. Estelle, Omaha, Assistant Adjutant-General; R.H. Wilber, Omaha, Assistant Quartermaster-General; Council of Administration – Comrades Alex. Schlagel, Plattsmouth; O.F. Steen, Omaha; T.M. Majors, Peru; R.M. Grimes, Kearny, and C.J. Dilworth, Red Cloud.

The meeting for the organization of the Department was held at Omaha, June 11, 1877. Posts represented: Post 1, Kearny; Post 2, Fort Omaha; Post 3, Wahoo; Post 4, Fremont; Post 5, Schuyler; Post 6, Tekamah; Post 7, Omaha; Post 8, St. Paul; Post 9, Columbus; Post 10, David City; Post 11, Grand Island; Post 12, Fort Sidney.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

January 20, 1878, Omaha; II. January 31, 1879, Omaha; III. January 26, 1880; IV. January 27, 1881, Aurora; V. January 25, 1882, Lincoln; VI. February 19, 1883, Lincoln; VII. January 29, 1884, Fremont; VIII. January 28, 1885, Beatrice; IX. February 17, 1886, Red Cloud; X. March 15, 1887, Omaha; XI. February 29, 1888, Lincoln.

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETINGS

July 2, 1879, Omaha; II. September 13, 1880, reunion at Central City; III. 1881, Lincoln; IV. 1882, Grand Island; V. 1883, Hastings; VI. September 1, 1884, reunion at Fremont; VII. September 7, 1885, reunion at Beatrice; VIII.

August 30, 1886, Grand Island; IX. September 5, 1887, Omaha

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1877, Paul Van Der Voort, Post 2, Omaha (See Commander-in-Chief, Chapter XXI); 1878. R.H. Wilber, Post 7, Omaha; 1879-80, James W. Savage, Post 7, Omaha; 1881-82, S.J. Alexander, Post 25, Lincoln; 1883, John C. Bonnell, Post 25, Lincoln; 1884, H.E. Palmer, Post 45, Plattsmouth; 1885, A.V. Cole, Post 81, Juniata; 1886, John M. Thayer, Post 11, Grand Island; 1887, H.C. Russell, Post 34, Schuyler; 1888, W.C. Henry, Post 18, Fairmont.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1877, Calvin McCune, Post 10, David City; 1878-79, J.J. O'Connor, Post 2, Fort Omaha; 1880, Brad P. Cook, Post 10, David City; 1881, F.E. Brown, Post 21, Syracuse (See Adjutant General, Chapter XXI); 1882, L.W. Osborne, Post 52, Blair; 1883, H.E. Palmer; 1884, T.S. Clarkson, Post 34, Schuyler; 1885, J.H. Culver, Post 56, Milford; 1886, G.M. O'Brien, Post 7, Omaha; died January 1887; 1887, W.S. Randall, Post 43, Fairfield; 1888, W.V. Allen, Post 143, Madison.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1877, D.D. Wadsworth, Post 9, Columbus; 1878, B.E. Rogers, Post 9, Columbus; 1879, C.W. Smith, Post 12, Sidney; 1880, S.J. Alexander; 1881, B. Crabb, Post 32, York; 1882, J.S. Miller, Post 44, Aurora; 1883, C.H. Fitch, Post 7, Omaha; 1884, A.V. Cole; 1885, J.B. Davis, Post 90, Wahoo; 1886, John Morrow, Post 69, Howard; 1887, J. Neubauer, Post 12, Sidney; 1888, E.C. Parkinson, Post 3, Seward.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1878-80, Jos. Neville, Post 7, Omaha; 1881-82, M.J. Gahan, Post 11, Grand Island; 1883, C.W. Moore, Post 99, Sterling; 1884-86, M.W. Stone, Post 90, Wahoo; 1887, B.N. Bond, Post 55, Papillion; 1888, M.W. Stone, Post 90, Wahoo.

CHAPLAINS

1879, S. sander, Post 14, Steele City; 1880, B. Crabb, Post 32, York; 1881, E. Austin, Post 60, Harvard; 1882, P. Hirst, Post 8, St. Paul; 1883, B. Crabb, Post 25, Lincoln; 1884, J.C. Lewis, Post 4, Fremont; 1885-86, E.J. O'Neil, Post 95, Pawnee City; 1887, J.S. Presson, Post 3, Seward; 1888, S.P. Dillon, Post 231, Litchfield.

ASSISTANT ADJUTANTS-GENERAL

1877-78, Wm. Coburn, Post 7, Omaha; 1879-80, John S. Wood, Post 7, Omaha; 1881-84, Brad P. Cook, Post 10, David City; 1885, S.J. Shirley, Post 81, Juniata; 1886, J.W. Livinghouse, Post 11, Grand Island; 1887, J.D. Miles,

Post 34, Schuyler; 1888, J.W. Liveringhouse, Post 11, Grand Island.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL

1878-82, Michael Coady, Post 2, Fort Omaha; 1883, John Steen, Post 90, Wahoo; resigned June 19; succeeded by N.G. Franklin, Post 25, Lincoln; 1885, H.S. Hotchkiss, Post 25, Lincoln; 1886, W.C. Henry, Post 18, Fairmont; 1887, L.M. Scothorn, Post 25, Lincoln; 1888, L.C. Washburn, Post 100, Norfolk.

INSPECTORS

1877, John Hammond, Post 9, Columbus; 1878-79, G.M. O'Brien, Omaha; resigned; succeeded by Brad P. Cook, Post 10, David City; 1880, P. Walsh, Post 28, Shelton; 1881-82, J.O. West, Post 11, Grand Island; 1883, H. Mitchell, Post 54, Palmyra; 1884, John F. Diener, Post 21, Syracuse; 1885, J.C. Lewis, Post 4, Fremont; 1886, John Hammond, Post 9, Columbus; 1887, A. Allee, Post 7, Omaha; 1888, Geo. W. Stultz, Post 22, Geneva.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1878, P. Hirsh, Post 8, St. Paul; 1879-80, Chas. F. Manderson, Post 7, Omaha; 1881, Amasa Cobb, Post 25, Lincoln; 1882, E.C. Calkins, Post 1, Kearny; 1883, A.H. Bowen, Post 13, Hastings; 1884, J.F. Warner, Post 170, Dakota City; 1885, J.Q. Goss, Post 55, Papillion; 1886, S.C. Chapman, Post 45, Plattsmouth; 1887, A.H. Church, Post 69, North Platte; resigned April 25; succeeded by J.W. Bixler, of the same Post; 1888, C.M. Parker, Post 25, Lincoln.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1878, John S. Wood, Post 7, Omaha; 1879, John Hammond, Post 9, Columbus; 1880, Thos. Sewell, Post 25, Lincoln; 1881, N.R. Persinger, Post 23, Central City; 1882, John Hammond, Post 9, Columbus; 1883-84 E.B. Taylor, Post 10, David City; 1885, J.W. Liveringhouse, Post 11, Grand Island; 1886, E.E. Howard, Post 16, Edgar; 1887, B.F. Rawalt, Post 13, Hastings; resigned October 25; succeeded by A.P. Childs; 1888, A.P. Childs, Post 5, Wayne.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1878 – O.A. Abbott, Post 11, Grand Island; P. Hirst, Post 8, St. Paul; Jas. Murray, Post 4, Fremont; C.E. Squires, Post 7, Omaha; J. Neubauer, Post 12, Fort Sidney.

1879 – B.E. Rogers, Post 9, Columbus; M.R. Risdon, Post 7, Omaha; Fred Nirk, Post 12, Sidney; S.P. Mobley, Post 11, Grand Island; H. Meerholz, Post 2, Fort Omaha.

1880 – W.H. Webster, Post 23, Central City; M. Warren, Post 10, David City; H.C. Brown, Post 31, Ashland; P. Hirst, Post 8, St. Paul. M.D. Williams, Post 22, Geneva.

1881 – W.H. Webster, re-elected; J.N. Edwards, Post 3, Seward; C. Wiltse, Post 11, Grand Island; E.C. Calkins, Post 1, Kearney; J.S. Miller, Post 44, Aurora.

1882 – E.M. Day, Post 69, North Platte; John Hammond, Post 9, Columbus; H.E. Palmer, Post 45, Plattsmouth; O.A. Abbott, Post 11, Grand Island; J.W. Wilson, Post 1, Kearny.

1883 - W.S. Randall, Post 43, Fairfield; H. Strong, Post 92, Cameron; J.B. Davis, Post 90, Wahoo; A.V. Cole, Post 81, Juniata; Miles Warren, Post 83, Bellwood.

1884 – J.B. Davis, Miles Warren, re-elected; P.H. Steele, Post 137, Beaver Crossing; E.C. Parkinson, Post 2, Seward; E.C. Calkins, Post 1, Kearny.

1885 – b. Crabb, Post 32, York; W.S. Bloom, Post 63, Superior; M.H. Hinman, Post 4, Fremont; A.H. Bowen, Post 13, Hastings; C.A. Holmes, Post 47, Tecumseh.

1886 – C.A. Holmes, re-elected; C.F. Came, Post 150, Riverton; A.S. Cole, Post 24, Nebraska City; Brad P. Cook, Post 214, Lincoln; L.D. Richards, Post 4, Lincoln

1887 – C.A. Holmes, L.D. Richards, re-elected; S.J. Shirley, Post 12, Sidney; E.C. Parkinson, Post 3, Seward; S.D. Davis, Post 32, York.

1888 – L.D. Richards, re-elected; J.B. Doan, Post 226, Gandy; S.H. Morrison, Post 24, Nebraska City; J.C. Bonnell, Post 25, Lincoln; B.F. Smith, Post 81, Juniata

REUNION

In no State are the Soldiers' and Sailors Reunions, which have been held annually for some years past, more largely attended than in Nebraska. Many thousands of veterans have been in attendance during the week or more of the camp, some of them traveling in wagons with their families for hundreds of miles.

The competition for the place for holding these reunions is spirited, and the Department has been able to make such terms as not only to avoid any expense to the Department, but add thereby to the Department funds.

The proposals for location, in addition to a cash subscription, require the use of 240 acres of land, water for at least 50,000 people and for 3,00 horses or mules, 40 tons of ice, 75 tons of hay, 50 tons of straw, 100 cords of wood, transportation for and care of all camp equipage.

No gambling or vending of any spirituous or malt liquors is allowed on the grounds.

NEBRASKA SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' HOME

Nebraska, in making provision for the care of needy veterans by Act approved March 4, 1887, has made a

decided advance over any other State, by its liberal provisions.

The Act reads as follows:

SECTION 1. That there shall be established and maintained by the state of Nebraska, an institution to be known as the Nebraska soldiers' and Sailors' Home, the object of which shall be to provide homes and subsistence to honorably discharged ex-soldiers and sailors and marines, and also hospital nurses who served in the United States army or navy, or hospitals, during the war of the rebellion, and who entered the army or navy, r entered such hospitals from this State, or who shall at the time of the application for admission to such home, have been an actual *bona fide* resident of this State for two years next preceding such application; and who shall have a wife or children dependent upon him or her for support, and who have become disabled by reason f such service, old age, or other cause, from earning a livelihood, and who would be dependent upon public or private charities; and also wives and children under the age of fifteen years, of soldiers, sailors and marines, who died while in the service of the United states, or who were honorably discharged from such service, and who have since died, and also the children under the age of fifteen years, of any such hospital nurse;

PROVIDED, That such widow or children shall have been *bona fide* residents of this State for two years preceding admission to such home, and unable to earn a livelihood, and are dependent upon public or private charities.

Citizens of Grand Island donated 640 acres of land and \$19,200 on money for the establishment of the Home at that place. Thirty thousand dollars were appropriated by the Legislature for maintenance for 1887-88. The main building, 50 x 100 feet, four stories in height, was opened for inmates July 10, 1888. Cottages will be erected according to the number of applications received, and inmates will be assigned tracts of land that they may partially support themselves. Captain John Hammond is Commandant of the Home.

BURIAL OF VETERANS

By Act of the Legislature passed in 1885, provision is made for the burial of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who may die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses. A tombstone is also to be provided.

EXEMPTION

By Act approved March 31,1887, pension money of soldiers, sailors and marines disabled in the service of the United States, and all property purchased and improved exclusively with such pension money, to an amount not exceeding \$2,000 in value, are exempt from levy and sale upon execution or attachment.

LEGISLATION

ROSTER

By Act March 4,1887, provision was made for obtaining the names of all residents of Nebraska who served in the United States army, navy or marine corps, during the war of the 1812, the Mexican War, and the war of the rebellion, designating the rank, company, regiment, battery or vessel in which they served. Two thousand copies of these rosters were ordered published, three copies to be furnished to each Post of the Grand Army of the republic.

GRAND ARMY BADGE

By Act approved March 31, 1887, any person who shall willingly wear the badge of the Grand Army of the Republic, or who shall use the same to obtain aid or assistance thereby, unless duly entitled to wear the same, is liable to imprisonment for not exceeding thirty days or a fine not exceeding \$20 or to both such fine and imprisonment.

MEMORIAL DAY

May 30th was made a legal holiday in Nebraska by Act of the Legislature passed in 1885.

GRANT MEMORIAL HALL

By an Act approved March 31, 1887, an appropriation was made to properly furnish a room in the Capitol building for the care and preservation of the official records of all officers and soldiers who served in the volunteer regiments of the State; also for the proper care and preservation of relics and mementos of the war of the rebellion that may be donated to the State of Nebraska.

Comrade Edgar S. Dudley, First Lieutenant 2d U.S. Artillery has been appointed Custodian under this Act.

On the same day an Act was approved donating \$20,000 for the erection of a building on the grounds of the University of Lincoln, to be known as the Grant Memorial Hall, "to be devoted to the uses of the military department of said University, and used as an armory, drill room and gymnasium, to forever remain a public monument in memory of the late General Ulysses S. Grant.

DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA

The first Post in Dakota was organized by Comrade Horace G. Wolfe, the Chief Mustering Officer, Department of Iowa, at Fort Yates, January 7, 1882, under the title of Geo. A. Custer Post, and was attached to the Department of Iowa. The Charter members were Herman Kasburg, John Rosenthal, Chas. A. Fagan, Frank L. McKown, Jas. D. Sadler, Allen C. Potter, James Hill, Jacob Lester, Elwyn S. Reid, John Hindley, James A. Bailey, Joseph Marsh, John McNalley, Geo. L. Van Solan, Thomas Murray, James Wynn. Herman Kasburg was elected Commander.

Comrade Wolfe also mustered Post 2, Fort Abe Lincoln, and Post 3, Bismarck. Later he made a second trip and mustered Posts at Huron, Redfield, Yankton, Vermillion, Elk River, Sioux Falls, and Canton, traveling in all over 2,200 miles, a considerable portion of the distance by stage in the severest weather. The charters of these Posts were issued by the Department of Iowa.

By General Orders No. 6, dated at Headquarters Grand Army of the Republic, Omaha, Nebraska, November 23, 1882, Dakota was constituted a Provisional Department with Comrade Thomas S. Free, Post 10, Sioux Falls, as Commander; Senior Vice Commander, Alex Hughes, Post 7, Yankton; Junior Vice Commander W.A. Bently, Post 3, Bismarck; Assistant Adjutant General, W.E. Potter, Post 10, Sioux Falls; Assistant Quartermaster General, N.C. Nash, Post 11, Canton; Council of Administration – C.A. Lounsbury, Post 3, Bismarck; J.A. Wallace, Post 9, Elk Point; J.H. Alexander, Post 4, Huron; A.S. Curtiss, Post 6, Mitchell; S.F. Hammond, Post 5, Redfield.

The Permanent Department was formed at Yankton, February 27, 1883, and Comrade Thomas S. Free was elected Department Commander. He served also during his term as Adjutant-General of the Territory. He died December 21, 1886.

The Annual Encampments have been held:

February 27, 1883, Yankton; II. April 29, 1884, Sioux Falls; III. March 18, 1885, Huron; IV. March 14, 1886, Watertown; V. March 24, 1887, Jamestown; VI. March 26, 1888, Redfield.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

1882-84, Thomas S. Free, Post 10, Sioux Falls; 1885-86, W.V. Lucas, Post 34, Chamberlain; 1887, Harrison Allen, Post 44, Fargo; 1888, S.F. Hammond, Post 62, Ashton. Commander Hammond had, previous to his removal to Dakota, served as Commander of the Department of Wisconsin.

SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1882-83, Alex. Hughes, Post 7, Yankton; 1884, W.V. Lucas; 1885-86, J.B. Dennis, Post 7, Yankton; 1887, B.F. Campbell, Post 10, Sioux Falls; 1888, A.S. Bates, Post 44, Fargo.

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS

1883, S.M. Laird, Post 13, Pierre; 1884, R.E. Fleming, Post 44, Fargo; 1885-86, Horace G. Wolfe, Post 24, Cavour; 1887, S.M. Booth, Post 94, Custer City; 1888, W.H. Stoddard, Post 10, Sioux Falls.

MEDICAL DIRECTORS

1884, D.E. Etter, Post 7, Yankton; 1885-86, W.C. Sherlock, Post 44, Fargo; 1887-88, Wm. A. Bentley, Post 3, Bismarck.

CHAPLAINS

1884, Geo. A. Cressey, Post 4, Huron; 1885-86, J. Wallace Bell, Post 84, Ellendale; 1886, J.W. Bell, Post 76, White Lake; 1887, J.H. Hartman, Post 65, Jamestown; 1888, S.G. Updyke, Post 74, Brookings (See Chaplain-in-Chief, Chapter XXVI).

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTERS-GENERAL

1882, N.C. Nash, Post 11, Canton; 1883, Edwin O. Kimberly, Post 10, Sioux Falls; succeeded, December 8, 1883, by Wm. Beckler, Post 10; 1885-85, J.E. Jenkins, Post 34, Chamberlain; 1887, C.T. McCoy, Post 19, Aberdeen; 1888, D.N. Hunt, Post 5, Redfield.

JUDGE ADVOCATES

1883, William A. Bentley, Post 3, Bismarck; 1884, Herbert E. Dewey, Post 13, Pierre; 1885, C.S. Palmer, Post 10, Sioux Falls; 1886, W.T. Collins, Post 56, Grand Forks; 1887, M.W. Greene, Post 44, Fargo; 1888, C.S. Palmer, Post 10, Sioux Falls.

INSPECTORS

1883, John Rosenthal, Post 1, Fort Yates; 1884, Noah N. Tyner, Post 44, Fargo; 1885, Walter I. Himes, Post 9, Elk Point; 1886, J.E. Elson, Post 4, Huron; 1887, J.W. Gregg, Post 57, Wahpeton; 1888, E.M. Thomas, Post 4, Huron.

CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICERS

1883-84, Horace G. Wolfe, Post 24, Cavour; 1885, J.L. Spaulding, Post 4, Huron; 1886, E.S. Miller, Post 65, Jamestown; 1887, R.Z. Bennett, Post 69, Bearsford; 1888, W.H. Brown, Post 56, Grand Forks.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

1882 – C.A. Lounsbury, Post 3, Bismarck; J.A. Wallace, Post 9, Elk Point; J.H. Alexander, Post 4, Huron; A.S. Curtiss, Post 6, Mitchell; S.F. Hammond, Post 5, Redfield.

1883 – J.A. Wallace, re-elected; J.E. Elson, Post 4, Huron; J.M. Adams, Post 6, Mitchell; J.L. Jolly, Post 8, Vermillion; G.W. Harlan.

1884 - Walter L. Himes, Post 9, Elk Point; N.C. Nash, Post 11, Canton; Geo. R. Lanning, Post 15, Egan; O.C. Potter, Post 26, Salem; C.S. Deering, Post 27, Plankinton

1885 –86 – A.A. Rowley, Post 19, Aberdeen; B.E. Pay, Post 55, Oakwood; C.J. Anderson, Post 27, Plankinton;

M.T. Wooley, Post 7, Yankton; N.B. Kent, Post 84, Ellendale

1887 – N.C. Nash, Post 11, Canton; J.E. Hoffman, Post 4, Huron; E.A. Young, Post 116, Rea Heights; C.T. Clement, Post 44, Fargo; C.H. Lockwood, Post 34, Chamberlain

1888 – E.E. Huntington, Post 70, Webster; E.S. Kellogg, Post 25, Woonsocket; D.M. Evans, Post 42, Millbank; C.S. Deering, Post 27, Plankinton; F.A. West, Post 68, Arlington

