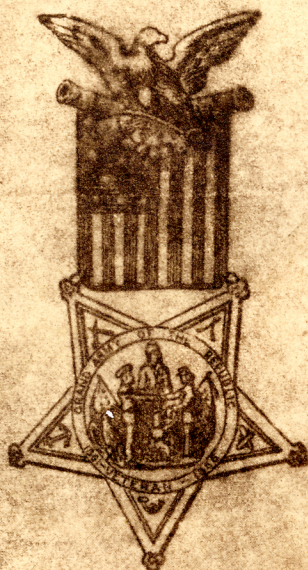


Our Candidate for
Department Commander, State of Michigan,
Grand Army of The Republic.



At the regular meeting of Ed. M. Prutzman Post No. 72, G. A. R., Dept. of Michigan, held December 24, 1898, it was moved, supported and carried unanimously that our delegates to our next State Encampment be instructed to use all influence in their power to secure the election of Past Commander R. R. Pealer for Department Commander for the ensuing year.

Comrade Pealer is but fifty-seven years old and has ambition, energy and ability enough to ably fill that position.

His great grand-father (Caleb Hopkins) on his mother's side was a lieutenant in the revolutionary war.

R. R. is one of a family of Pealers who saw hard service in the civil war and came out with a good record. The Grand Army post at Orangeville, Pa., is named "Pealer Post."

Isaac K. Pealer enlisted in 1861, in the N. Y. Dragoons, was shot and killed at Cold Harbor.

Shadrack Pealer, who enlisted in the same regiment at the same time, was killed in the battle of Winchester.

Frank A. Pealer, of Co. F, 209 Pa. Vols., was shot through the right thigh at Bermuda Hundred, Va., and died of his wound.

S. F. Pealer, orderly sergeant of Co. A, 198 Pa., was taken prisoner at Bermuda Hundred and died in Salisbury, N. C., prison.

David Pealer was mustered into the U. S. Army July 22, 1861, and served in Co. E, 20 Ind. He was at Hatteras Inlet, the seven days battle before Richmond in 1862, at Fair Oaks, Malvern Hill, second Bull Run, Manassas Gap, Va., and at Gettysberg, and wounded three times.

Samuel J. Pealer served in Co. E, 209 Pa., and was afterward made a 2d. lieutenant and later a captain of Co. A, 74 Pa. Vols. and was elected major later.

Frank Pealer enlisted in 1861, served in Co. E, 20 O., was promoted from sergeant to 2d. lieutenant Aug. 16, 1862, to 1st. lieutenant in Feb. 1863, to captain in July, 1864, and was severely wounded at the battle of Stone River, Tenn.

These were cousins of our candidate, R. R. Pealer, who enlisted Sept. 9, 1862, in the 16 Pa. cavalry, as a boy private, was promoted from time to time, made Sergt. Major of his regiment for meritorious conduct, and later was commissioned 2d. Lieut. and then 1st. Lieut. of his company and was recommended for captain just as the war closed. He was wounded at Hatcher's Run, Va., from which wound he still suffers. He was engaged at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, the Wilderness, Cold Harbor and at Petersburg, and was in thirty-five battles and engagements in all.

He has been a Grand Army man since 1868, and has been commander of our post and is one of its supporters. He has been Judge Advocate of the Department two or three times, and has served on different committees; among others was on the Legislature committee at the time the appropriation for the annex was secured for the Soldiers' Home. He assisted to secure the passage of the Soldiers' Relief bill and other measures of interest to his comrades. On the coming on of the war with Spain he promptly tendered his service to the governor of the state and to the secretary of war under date of March 12, 1898, asking leave to raise some part of a cavalry regiment in the southwest part of the state, promising prompt attention and his best service, and saying: "You may command me for whatever service you may think I can best render. Whenever and wherever my country has use for me I will serve."

R. R. Pealer Camp No. 201, Sons of Veterans of this city was named in his honor.

He has been the Circuit Judge of his Judicial District, a member of the Legislature and held other positions in civil life. He is a man of affairs and handles large business interest for his clients and has a lucrative law practice. He is a worker and if elected will attend to business and we believe will acquit himself well.

We commend him for the position first named.

Yours in F. C. L.

A. A. UDELL,
Adjutant.

M. H. BUMPHREY,
Commander Ed. M. Prutzman Post No. 72.