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Abstract

The United Spanish War Veterans Holland Camp No. 38 was founded in Holland, Michigan, in 1904 for veterans that had participated in that conflict to provide support and comradery to its members. The club provided forms of welfare and representation to their fellow men, as well as those in their respective communities, including assisting with hospital bills and pension receipts, organizing and participating in Memorial Day services, and even buying the occasional bag of groceries or a bouquet of flowers for a fellow comrade's wife. The collection includes records of the auxiliary, Constitution of the United Spanish War Veterans, correspondence, encampment information, meeting minutes, membership information, photographs, and a poster.

Accession No: H20-2041
Provenance: United Spanish War Veterans Holland Camp 28
Donor: Kathryn Ver Schure
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History

The United Spanish War Veterans Holland Camp No. 38 was founded in Holland, Michigan, in 1904 for veterans that had participated in that conflict to provide support and comradery to its members. The group was part of the national organization known as the United Spanish War Veterans, and also supported veterans of the Philippine American War - often called the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) and the Chinese Relief Expedition (1898-1901) - also called the Boxer Rebellion. As these three foreign wars came to an end in the early 20th century, the United States government never created new pension funds for the additional two wars, and instead categorized these three separate groups of veterans together with the title of "Spanish-American War Veterans" on all official paperwork and pension receipts. Because of this, when the United Spanish War Veterans group (USWV) was founded in 1904, the members of these various clubs encompassed three separate United States foreign conflicts.

After the war, veterans from across the country banded together to form the United Spanish War Veterans, a series of clubs that installed their presence across the country. These clubs provided forms of welfare and representation to their fellow men, as well as those in their respective communities, including assisting with hospital bills and pension receipts, organizing and participating in Memorial Day services, and even buying the occasional bag of groceries or a bouquet of flowers for a fellow comrade's wife.

The group remained active until the death of the last remaining member, John Henry Van Lente, in 1975.

Scope and Content

The collection includes original records of the auxiliary, Constitution of the United

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Spanish War Veterans, correspondence, encampment information, meeting minutes, membership information, and a poster. The contents are organized in folders alphabetically by subject. The three images are in digital form only.

Container List

Auxiliary Membership card, n.d.
Certificate of Appreciation, John A. Slaghuis, 1946
Constitution of United Spanish War Veterans, 1915-1916
Correspondence, Congressman Clare E. Hoffman, 1947
Department Encampment at Kalamazoo, 1947
Department of Michigan United Spanish War Veterans
 Fortieth Annual Encampment, 1943
 Forty-First Annual Encampment, 1944
 Goodwill Bulletin, No. 80, n.d.
 Headquarters General Orders No. 3, 1947-1948
Forty-Ninth National Encampment, 1947
"I Am Proud to be a Spanish-American War Veteran" poster, n.d.
Meeting Minutes, 1915-1943 (2 items)
Membership Forms, n.d., 1935
Members Information, 1898-1947
Resolution to Common Council of City of Holland, 1940
Roster of Members, 1938
Roster of Past Camp Commanders, 1911