

Department Orders #3

Series 2005- 2006

- 1. I am pleased to appoint Brother Kevin Lindsey to the post of Department Patriotic Instructor. Brother Lindsey continues to be very active in the Israel B. Richardson Camp #2 and has served at the Department level in several capacities, most recently that of Member-At-Large Coordinator. Please join me in welcoming Kevin to his new post.**
- 2. Thanks to Department of Michigan Brothers who journeyed to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania to represent the Department of Michigan in Remembrance Day festivities. Those attending from the Department were Brothers James B. Pahl, PDC, Max L. Newman, PCC, Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, Richard Greene, PCC, Kim Donald Shaw, PCC, Steven Redinger, Edgar Dowd, Colin Butgereit, L. Dean Lamphere, and Lloyd Lamphere. Joining us were William Morris of the Department of Tennessee, Kenneth Martin, Matthew Lamphere and Len McInerney.**
- 3. As is the custom, we paused at the memorial of one of Michigan's regiments at Gettysburg. This year we honored the First Michigan Infantry where they fought heroically to turn back rebels under Kershaw near the Rose farm. Though short, the ceremony was meaningful and touching as Brother Jim Pahl told of how the Gallant First came to be and the long road it took to Gettysburg.**
- 4. Camps are reminded to appoint a Camp Signals Officer or other Brother who will accept the "Messenger" in electronic form and be responsible for disseminating it among his Camp's membership.**
- 5. I am pleased to appoint Brother Matthew L. Adair to Chair the Department Credentials Committee which will report to the 2006 Department Encampment. While more details of the upcoming Encampment may be found in the upcoming issue of the "Messenger", pre-registration opens January 31, 2006 and pre-registration may be sent to Matt at 409 Bent Oak Street, Fenton, Michigan, 48430-2288. Pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per Brother.**
- 6. Especial thanks goes to Brother Bruce B. Butgereit, PDC, who moved fast to enable the Department to provide National Flags as well as Michigan Flags to the grave of each Michigan veteran at rest in the National cemetery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The Butgereit family has generously donated these flags in the memory of the "Boys In Blue" at rest at Gettysburg.**
- 7. All Brothers are reminded to regularly visit the newly redesigned Department web site at <http://www.suvcwmi.org/> . New features appear almost weekly and regular updates make it a prime source for up to date information or late breaking news of the Department. Among the new features of the site you will find that the current Department Graves Registration Database is now searchable.**

8. I am pleased to announce that a Camp formation effort is underway in Greenville, Michigan, in Montcalm County. The William A. Kent Camp #83 is being organized by Brother Edward R. Woodard. Interested parties should e-mail Brother Woodard at ewoodard@chartermi.net or via phone at (616) 754-5708.
9. I regret to relate news of the death of Brother Harold Hodges of the Nash- Hodges Camp #43. A veteran of World War II, Brother Hodges served 343rd Engineers in the ETO. All Charters will be draped for 30 days in his memory.
10. The 117th Annual Department Encampment will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2006 in Grand Rapids. All Brothers are encouraged to attend and are urged to pre-register prior to April 22. Pre-registration is \$5.00 with at the door registration \$10.00. Pre-registrations should be sent to: Brother Matt Adair, 409 Bent Oak Street, Fenton, MI. 4848430-2288. Details of the upcoming Encampment may be found in the upcoming issue of the "Messenger".
11. The Woman's Relief Corp will host, both, a lunch and an evening dinner at the Department Encampment / Convention. Reservations and payment must be made in advance. Send checks and meal choices to: Mrs. Lucile Streeter, 782 W. Girard Rd., Sherwood, MI. 49089-9705.
12. Regrettably, because of exponentially rising cost and waning interest the Annual Mid-Winter Meeting will not be held this year.
13. I am pleased to appoint Brother Kevin Lindsey to chair the Department Nominating Committee for this administrative year. Brothers interested in running for elected office at the 117th Annual Encampment should contact Brother Lindsey at 6890 Norton, Troy, MI. 48085-1659
14. I am saddened to report the death of Brother Douglas Colley. Brother Colley was a veteran of the United States Marine Corp and a Charter Member of the Logan Camp #1. All Charters will be draped for 30 days in his memory.

Submitted in F, C, & L,
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/s/

Richard Greene, Commander
Department of Michigan, SUVCW

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Department Secretary